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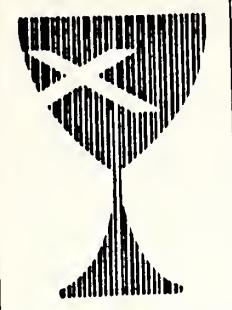


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# First Christian Church

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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLIII January 8, 1986 No. 1

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Tommi Fry of 1118 Rockhill Street 46804, phone 426-7660, transferred her membership this Sunday from the Bible Baptist Church. We welcome her to our family of faith!

## OUR NEIGHBORS VIEWS & WAYS - THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday, January 12, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., we are invited to St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church for the second in this series of programs for First Christian, St. John's, and the Temple. We will compare how our three traditions celebrate life events such as marriage and death.

All are welcome!

## SEMINAR ON ISRAEL - FOR EVERYONE

Whether or not you are among those going to Israel January 29, you are invited to a Saturday Seminar January 18, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at the church. We will review the history of Israel, study palestinian geography, and see slides.

## AUCTION AT CALDWELL'S HOME

On January 11, Saturday, 10:00 a.m., the house and household goods of Bill & Mamie will be auctioned on site at 3521 Robinwood Drive. You may find something you can use and help the church, too, as proceeds will eventually come to First Christian.

## JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Junior Youth Fellowship will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday at the church to jog, choose a design for our T-shirts, take down the Sukka, and plan our meetings for the next 3 months. There will be refreshments, but they won't be as great as our Mexican food. Congratulations for raising \$110.00 for Mexican relief.



## CYF/CHI RHO - "JUMP INTO WINTER"

All middle school and high school youth are invited to go sledding at Franke Park on Saturday, January 18 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Put on your ear muffs and bring something to slide on!

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Eural Rose who dies last week.

Also to Sara Davis in the death of her brother. To Cheryl Busse in the death of her step-brother. To the Cole Family in the death of their sister-in-law.

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 1-5-86

Miss Sara Jones, R. 2, Box 219, Gaston, IN; Mrs. Sara J. Peterson, 507 Ridgemoor; Miss Chris McGuire, Winona Lake, IN.

## THANK YOU

I want to thank my church family for taking the time from their busy holiday schedule to call, visit, send a card, or say a little prayer for me during my surgery recovery period. Real Christian love is very good medicine. A special "thank you" to Rev. Don Wiltfong for his visit, prayer, and encouraging words. I thank God for placing me into a loving and caring church family.

Yours in Christ,  
Bette Haines

## NEEDED

Cancelled postage stamps are needed. Put stamps in the box in the window on your way down to the fellowship hall coming in from the south door right off the parking lot.

Also needed are Campbell Soup labels, the box is in the kitchen on the counter.

Thank you.  
Bette Jones

"When you fight fire with fire, all that is produced is ashes".

William Sloane Coffin

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# The Quadrennial Assembly . . . Tell Me About It!

## Why Should I Go?

The International Christian Women's Fellowship (ICWF) sponsors an assembly for women every (4) years (quad-ennial assembly) at West Lafayette, Indiana. The ICWF Quadrennial Assembly then is a gathering - a huge gathering of Christian women from U.S., Canada, plus special representatives from other countries.

The Date June 23-27, 1986

As Christian women, members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we come together - To celebrate God, proclaim our faith, be open to the Holy Spirit, and to join in partnership.

The ICWF Quadrennial Assembly provides an opportunity for each person to develop a deeper sense of personal and corporate Christian identity.



## Quadrennial Assembly June 23-27, 1986

### PROGRAM OUTLINE

The Assembly opens with the evening meal

MONDAY: "Because we bear the Name . . . we find new life in Christ"

7:45 P.M. - The Assembly is called to begin: Speaker: John Humbert, General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); An Act of Remembrance

10:00-10:30 - Meet Your Neighbor (in dorms)

TUESDAY: "Because we bear the Name . . . we struggle for justice"

8:50 A.M. - Singing - favorite songs and new hymns; A time for prayer: Bible Study with Beverly Gaventa, Associate Professor of New Testament, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Speaker - Jean Zaru, a Palestinian Quaker who will speak on justice issues for women

12:15-1:15 - Speakers Forums

1:30-3:00 and 3:30-5:00 - Interest Groups: Opportunities for growth in world concerns, worship, issues confronting women, CWF and church programming. Plan to register for these before the Assembly.

3:30-5:00 - Special Forums

7:45 - Music by the Indianapolis Chorale, a renowned group of professional musicians who share their ministry in song; Peace Panel - four women representing the East, the West, the North and the South speak about their vision of peace. Miriam Cruz, Board member, the Division of Homeland Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will serve as

moderator.

WEDNESDAY: "Because we bear the Name . . . we seek wholeness in shared life"

8:45 A.M. - Songs and prayers; Bible Study - Beverly Gaventa; Dialogue on prevention of family violence - Marie Fortune and Frances Wood, the Center for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Seattle, Washington

Afternoon - (See Tuesday)

7:45 P.M. - The Assembly choir under the direction of Gayle Sarber, Associate Professor of Music, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana

THURSDAY: "Because we bear the Name . . . we are one"

8:15 A.M. - Songs and prayers; Election of officers; Bible Study - Beverly Gaventa:

1:30-3:00 - Reflection Groups

7:45 P.M. - A service of affirmation recognizing our unity as people of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as women of the church, and as Christian women worldwide. Narrator: Lani Havens, overseas staff serving in Kenya, Africa

FRIDAY: "Because we bear the Name . . . we are empowered to fulfill our mission"

8:45 A.M. - Introduction - Quadrennial Assembly Committee; Installation of Officers; An Act of Communion Homily - Beverly Gaventa

The Assembly closes with lunch.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

The week with my folks in St. Pete was great! I feel refreshed and ready to go again. I preached in my home church while there, which is always a privilege and pleasure. I did the sermon I did last July 4 here, "On Being True To Ourselves As A Nation", and it was very well received (to my delight and relief, since I consider it a pretty hard hitting sermon). Anyway, its good to be home (interesting how we can have more than one "home", isn't it?)!

I feel that we have come through an important period of transition here at First Christian Church these last 3½ years. Its been tremendously satisfying to see the church coming together. Now we are entering a new phase in our life together.

This new phase holds its own challenges and satisfactions, of course, and its own fun and excitement. We are beginning to "find ourselves", beginning to define our mission as a congregation. It will take us some time to complete this process of defining and refining our mission, but its great to have such a task before us rather than mere "survival" tasks as so many congregations do. We will in coming years take on a unique "personality" as a congregation and a particular place and role among the leading churches of this city. That's exciting to contemplate, isn't it? And we will build this personality and role together, you and I, under the direction of The Holy Spirit!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

The following persons have sent one card to the congregation as their Christmas Greeting. The cards were displayed on banners in the Narthex:

Iva Imbody, Lowell Dare; Edna & Harold Nordblom; Tom, Laura, & Tony York; Glenn & Lola Miller; Dorothy Schmidt; Anna Taylor; Ted, Terri, Christopher, & Matthew Pfenning; The Ohnecks; Fern Kenline; Julia Bicknell & Wilberta Edgington; Mrs. Metcalf; Jane Hahn; Bev Hudlow; Mrs. Arthur Mowery; Ed & Rosalie Hall; Steve, Debbie, & Adam White.

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O Lord, God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, open our eyes that we may behold Thy Fatherly presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to Thee with the power of Thy love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, and when we have done what Thou hast given us to do, help us, O God our Saviour, to leave the issue to Thy wisdom. Take from us all doubt and mistrust. Lift our thoughts up to Thee in heaven, and make us to know that all things are possible through Thy Son our Redeemer. Amen.

PRAYER SERVICE IS SUNDAYS 6:15 - 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL.

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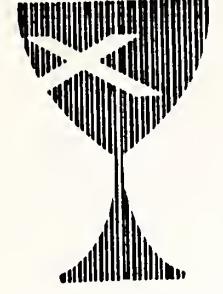
Emilio Castro is the newly elected General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. A friend visited Castro's former parish in Montevideo, Uruguay. After the service, an old woman approached and asked, "You greet him for me. You know, he way my pastor. He introduced me to Jesus!"

-the Christian Century  
8/29 - 9/5, 1984

"To everything we need to put three or four fundamental questions: Does it advance the unity of the church? Does it really help the building up of a servant body of Christ? Does it convey a testimony toward Jesus Christ? Does it really express solidarity with poor people?"

Emilio Castro,  
General Secretary  
World Council of Churches





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## SINGLES!

Well, the cross country ski outing fizzled for want of snow, but 11 of us had a great time snarfing chili, playing trivial pursuit and watching videos at Greg's last week.

Let's try the cross country skiing again! This time, meet at Deb Stam's (5108-4 Truemper Way, 485-0722) at 2:00 p.m. If you don't want to ski, meet us at Deb's at 6:00 p.m. (or in case there is no snow again); on Sunday, January 26.

If you are single and wondering about the nature of this group, we are mostly in our 20's and 30's and get together monthly for fellowship and fun. Come join us.

## SEMINAR ON ISRAEL - THIS SATURDAY!

Whether or not you are among those going to Israel January 29, you are invited to a Saturday Seminar January 18, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at the church. We will review the history of Israel, study palestinian geography, and see slides.

## PRAYER SERVICE, SUNDAYS 6:15 - 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL

If you wish orientation to this service, come one hour early this Sunday, January 19.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

January 22 at Simpson United Methodist Church

2501 South Harrison Street

featuring Bishop John D'Arcy

11:30 worship

12:00 address by Bishop D'Arcy

12:30 lunch

1:00 table conversation with the Bishop

Lunch - \$3.50      RSVP 422-3528

Sponsored by Associated Churches

All Welcome!



**Week of Prayer  
for Christian Unity  
January 18-25, 1986**

For over 75 years the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been celebrated annually by Christians around the world in witness to our oneness in Christ. Since the first observance in Graymoor, New York, in 1908 in the Episcopal Church, it has grown to include Christians of all traditions. The week begins on January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter's Chair) and concludes on January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul).

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP IN COMMEMORATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1986

7:00 P.M.

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 501 W. BERRY

Choirs and liturgy featuring the words of Dr. King, Gospel hymns, and the unfinished agenda of the Church in human relationships.

Sponsored by The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, Inc., and the Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance.

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FOOD BANK REPORT

During December, our food bank supplied persons as follows:

Family Units Served -	56
Individuals Served	214
1st Time Clients	25
Repeat Clients	31
Meals	1,926
Clients Over 60	5

This gives totals for 1985 as follows:

Family Units Served -	465
Individuals Served	1,665
1st Time Clients	174
Repeat Clients	291
Meals	14,961
Clients Over 60	56

All donations of food or money are truly appreciated and go to a good cause. Money given goes only for the purchase of food, never for any overhead. Food is generally secured through the Associated Churches Food Bank warehouse and much of the money given goes to them, as they purchase at wholesale prices and we pay them for the food we get only through our donations, no per item cost. A number of our neighborhood churches also help, both through donations of food to us and money gifts to the Associated Churches Food Bank Warehouse.

Needed food items include: canned meats, tuna, hot cereals, pork and beans, powdered milk, and peanut-butter.

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Junior Youth Fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sunday to vote on the colors for our T-shirt logo. Please bring your parents as we will need their help to do the WMEE Marathon.

CYF/CHI RHO

Be at the church at 12:30 Saturday to go sledding! We'll be at Franke Park and back to the church at 4:00 p.m. Wax your bellies (or bring a sled) and get ready for a slick day.

(No snow? Come anyway, we'll make our own...!)!

ALL MEMBERS: OF ALL AGES!

Adults and children will enjoy and learn from attending the intergenerational Lenten Fair on Wednesday evening February 5. Watch for details, and set aside the evening of the 5th.

WHAT TO READ:

If you are "all out of sorts" read Hebrew 12.

If you are losing confidence in men, read I Corinthians 13.

If you have the blues, read Psalm 27.

If your pocketbook is empty, read Psalm 37.

If people seem unkind, read John 15.

If you are discouraged about your work, read Psalm 126.

If you cannot have your own way, read James 3.

AREA I BOARD MEETING at Saturn Christian at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27. RSVP at 744-3239 this week!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Personally, I'm delighted that Martin Luther King's birthday is a national holiday (January 20). This provides us one holiday a year when justice is the central theme of the day.

Unfortunately, some still have only second hand information about Dr. King, (J. Edgar Hoover's smear campaign and other such biased, distorted sources). I encourage everyone to observe this Day by reading one of his books. Get it from the "horse's mouth", so to speak. The public library offers a number of selections, as do the major bookstores. Then, if you disagree with what you read, let's get together and talk about it, you and I.

Such a holiday is not so much to honor the man (who had his faults and imperfections, like any person) as it is to honor that for which he stands, which is part and parcel of The American ethos: Liberty and Justice for all.

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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IN APPRECIATION OF OUR CHOIR

Thank you

*For your Faithfulness in attendance.*

*For your Leadership in congregational singing that unifies the spirit of worship.*

*For your Anthems that lift the soul.*

*For your Attitude of Reverence that embodies the spirit of worship.*

*For your Interest in Music in Divine Worship.*

*For your Joy in Participation that becomes contagious.*

*For your Desire to Improve, counting each success but a point from which to go forward.*

*For your Love of the Church.*

COMMITMENT

OCCUPIED

Martha in the kitchen, serving with her hands; Occupied for Jesus, with her pots and pans. Loving Him, yet fevered, burdened to the brim, -- Careful, troubled Martha, occupied for Him.

Mary on the footstool, eyes upon her Lord; Occupied with Jesus, drinking in His word. This the one thing needful, all else strangely dim: Loving, resting Mary, occupied with Him.

So may we, like Mary, choose the better part: Resting in His presence -- hands and feet and heart; Drinking in His wisdom, strengthened with His grace; Waiting for the summons, eyes upon His Face. When it comes, we're ready, spirit, will, and nerve; Mary's heart to worship, Martha's hands to serve; This the rightful order, as our lamps we trim,-- Occupied with Jesus, then occupied for Him!

*Dick & Don*

--Lois Reynolds Carpenter

SERVING JANUARY 19

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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ELDERS	
<u>8:15</u> A.M.	Jack Weicker and Judy Church
<u>10:45</u> A.M.	Wayne Johnson and Bill Franklin
DIACONATE & GREETERS	
<u>8:15</u> A.M.	J. Kelly-SW, E. Conrad-NW, K. Perkins, L. Lewis
<u>10:45</u> A.M.	D. Parlette-SW, R. Stover- NW, L. Stover-SE, P. Tobias-NE, K. Tobias, D. Graham, W. Westerfield, S. Smith

8:15 A.M.	D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman	H. Stevenson, W. Westfield, B. Haines, J. Jones
10:45 A.M.	GREETERS
8:15 A.M.	Dee Harter
10:45 A.M.	Dwain & Kathy Graham

ACOLYTES  
Steve Mullen & Brandon Falbe  
COMMUNION PREPARATION  
M. Hutchinson & E. Klepfer  
EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS  
Lori Lewis & Terri Pfennig  
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rosie Krull  
PLAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York  
10:45 A.M. Terri Pfennig

## IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 523- Mr. Morris Swift  
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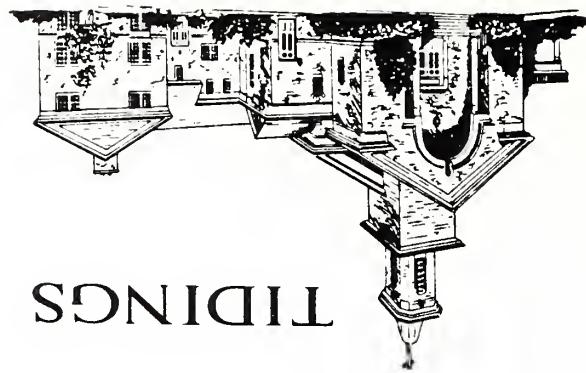
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BIRTHDAYS	January 24-30
Mimi Westerfield	(24)
Linda Stover	(25)
Marilyn Byers	(25)
Dorothy Schmidt	(25)
Janet Weicker	(25)
Jack Jones	(25)
Virginia Dare	(26)
Metta Stucky	(27)
Doug Olson	(27)
Dorothy Green	(27)
Florence Hagar	(28)
William Kerley	(28)
Wade Smith	(28)
Doris Richards	(29)
Jack Bennett	(29)
Jayne Bonham	(29)
Betty Farrow	(29)
Martha Warner	(30)
Natalie Ulrich	(30)

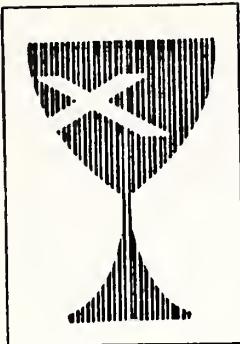
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22  
11:30 P.M. Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity Service  
at Simpson United Methodist  
Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23  
7:00 P.M. Chancey Choir

## NOTES AND TIDINGS



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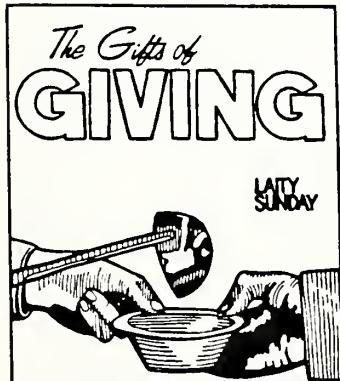
This Tuesday, January 28, we will gather at the church at noon and leave from there for lunch and a tour of the Senior Citizen's Center. Please RSVP by calling 744-3239. We will have lunch together at the Center.

## SINGLES - PLAN A, PLAN B - THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Plan A: If we have snow, those wishing to go skiing, meet at Deb Stam's (5108-4 Truemper Way, 485-0722) at 2:00 p.m. We will be back by 5:00 p.m. to see the Super Bowl at least 3 quarters of it). Those who don't want to ski, meet us at Deb's at 5:00 p.m.

Plan B: If there's no snow, we'll all meet at Deb's at 4:00 p.m. for the Super Bowl.

Get it? Be there! All singles welcome!



## LAY SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY

George Bruckman, a lay minister commissioned by this congregation, will be our speaker this Sunday. We look forward to hearing his message!

## ANY ANNIVERSARIES?

If you have a 25th wedding anniversary this year, or if you have a 50th or beyond anniversary and your name was not on the "Our Church Family" banner last year, please call the church office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) and report this information so we can get your name on the new 1986 banner which has just gone up in Fellowship Hall.

Watch our Church Family grow!

BREAD FOR THE WORLD - Tuesday, January 28, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Tuesday, January 28, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Babysitting provided!

## CALLING ALL WOMEN!

In last week's Tidings you read about the International Christian Women's Fellowship 8th Quadrennial Assembly at Purdue University in West Lafayette. Didn't it sound exciting? Are you planning to go? If so, be sure to contact the church office, or Peg Buskirk, our CWF President (745-3365). Remember the dates, June 23-27, 1986, Monday - Friday. Total cost is \$189.00, including room, board, program, insurance, program book and materials, tote bag, bus transportation on campus - everything. Registration began January 1 and will end May 1. There will be some help with costs from accumulated interest in the Edna Vaught Fund. Registration forms will be in the church office in a week or in your CWF group meetings in February - April.



## GOOD FOOD, FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN - Wednesday, February 5 - 6:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the February Fellowship dinner at the church Wednesday, February 5, at 6:15 p.m. Ham loaf, homemade rolls, and drinks will be provided (cost is \$1.25 for adults, 75¢ for children under 12 years). Please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert and table service.

Lent, the season of spiritual preparation for Easter, will be here before we know it! Our evening program sponsored by the Christian Education committee, will be a time for children, youth, and adults to begin to think and learn together about this special time of the church year.

Child care will be provided for children not yet in kindergarten. All others will enjoy doing the learning activities in our "Journey to Easter".

Get ready to Think Spring and Come to the Lenten Fair - Journey to Easter.

## PARENTS MEETING FOR CYF/CHI RHO

The parents of all high school and middle school kids are invited to discuss an upcoming program series on sexuality education which will be done during the regular CYF/Chi Rho meeting times in February and March. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. on February 8.

The Safety Education Bureau of the Fort Wayne Police Department is in need of locating School Crossing Guards to help keep our children safe as they go to and from school this year. The corner which is available at this time is: Hoagland & Rudisill. Anyone 18 years of age or older may apply. For more information, contact the Safety Education Bureau at 427-1241.

## NEEDED

Cancelled postage stamps are needed. Any kind of commemorative stamp! Just cut a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " border all the way around the stamp and then place in the box in the window on your way down to the fellowship hall if coming in from the south door off the parking lot.

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 1-19-86

Debbie Barfell, 6025 Oakmont; Cliff & Carol Peterson, Whitemore Lake, MI; Linda & Dale Johnson, Marion, OH; Charles & Kathryn Laughlin, 51 Liberty Avenue, Chester, W. VA.

CYF will be meeting at their regular meeting time this Sunday!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I had a very moving experience last night. The service commemorating Dr. King was absolutely wonderful. A filled sanctuary of blacks and whites worshipped and celebrated and laughed and cried. I hope this will be an annual affair. We (black & white) worship together too seldom in Fort Wayne.

I'm looking forward to hearing George Bruckman this Sunday, and generally celebrating the laity. We are certainly blessed with strong, committed lay people at F.C.C.! See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

We have a program going on Sunday morning that you may or may not have noticed, yet of which everyone needs to be aware. It is our Sunday School Host program, which is being overseen by Ralph Church.

Why do you need to know about it? For several reasons. First, if you are in the building at the beginning of the Sunday School hour and meet someone who is looking for a Sunday School class, or if you want to invite someone to Sunday School, you need to know that there is a place they send them to get Sunday School information. You can direct them to the south door in the fellowship hall to a host or hostess who is well informed concerning what classes we have and where they are in our marvelous but sometimes confusing building.

Secondly, you may be interested in attending Sunday School, and in enrolling your children, but do not know where to begin. Just be in fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. or a little before and look for the people wearing the "Host" name tag, or look for the "Sunday School Information" sign. You will find a warm welcome and a helpful guide!

So, now you know where to bring people for Sunday School information, or where to come first when you begin attending yourself! Ralph and his helpful crew will be looking for you!

Many thanks to the faithful Sunday School Hosts, who are: Max and Lois Finkhousen, Mark and Pauline Snyder, Jack and Bobbi Lindsay, Herb and Kathlyn Banet, Gini Brown, Earl and Margaret Snouffer, Mike and Pat Mullen, Vince and Connie Wells, Curt and Debbie Miller, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Ralph and Judy Church.

*Don*

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ALL CHURCH SKI OUTING!

On Saturday, February 15, you are invited to join in a church ski trip to Timber Ridge near Kalamazoo. We will leave at 6:30 a.m. and return by midnight. Mark your calendars now! We will carpool to save money.

Lessons are available at Timber Ridge. This is their annual "Winter Fest", so it will be a great day and evening.

Call 744-3239 now to RSVP or for more information.

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FOR THE SEPARATED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED

An excellent program is offered January 31 - February 2, and again April 18-20, here in Fort Wayne. It is an event to help people resolve feelings and move ahead with their life. Dick has brochures for those interested. Call 744-3239. Do yourself a favor!

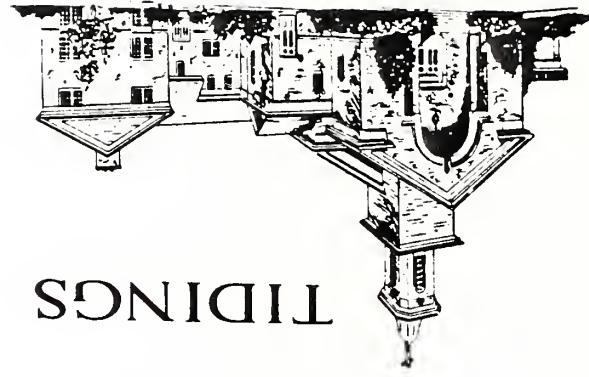
## SERVING JANUARY 26

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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## TIDINGS



## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and  
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson and  
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS  
8:15 A.M. J. Lindsay-SW, M.  
Hutchinson-NW, E. Snouffer, M.

Snouffer  
10:45 A.M. M. Hamm-SW, J. Hahn-NW,  
C. Falbe-SE, S. Englehart-NE, M.  
Crouse, S. Callahan, E. Conrad, W.  
Bowen

## ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,  
D. Pomeroy  
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westfield, H. Nordblom, E. Kreischer

## GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman  
10:45 A.M. Betty Harter & Walter Bowen

## AIMEE PRATT & RANDY HENDRICKSON

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W. Johnson - M. Novachcoff  
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J. Church - D. Graham  
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C. Falbe & D. Graham  
EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS  
Becky Glasgow & Sue Kerley  
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS  
Curt & Deb Miller

## BIRTHDAYS February 1-6

Jim Sands (1)  
Bobbi Lindsay (1)  
Muriel Plitts (2)  
Anita Fitch (2)  
Eric Mory (2)  
Judy Mey (2)  
Patricia Endly (3)  
Helen Lobbell (4)  
Wanda Ingmire (4)  
Ruth Yentes (4)  
Roger Gross (4)  
Elizabeth Pattengale (5)  
Ruth Ann Bozarth (5)  
Emma Phillips (6)  
Sue Knuckles (6)  
Stan Horine (6)

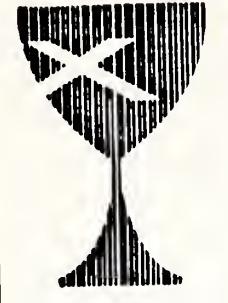
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ST. JOSEPH:  
523 - Mr. Morris Swift  
513 - Mrs. Thelma Swift  
PARKVIEW:  
730 - Hazel Cleaver

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Richard L. Hamm, Editor

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## PEW BIBLES DEDICATED

Thanks to gifts from several families, and the labors of Janet Weicker, we now have Pew Bibles and racks to enhance our Sunday morning worship. Thanks also to Vince Wells and John Perry for installing the racks. The following were given:

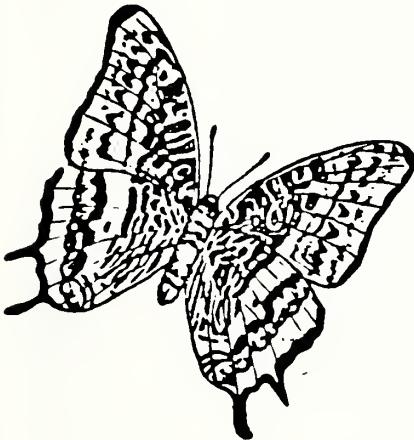
The family & friends of Marge Lehman, in her memory;

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Delores Keebortz in memory of Walter Keebortz;

Peggy Buskirk in memory of Clair Buskirk;

Jane Hahn in memory of Bill & Mamie Caldwell.



## GOOD FOOD, FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN - Wednesday, February 5 - 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the February Fellowship dinner at the church Wednesday, February 5, at 6:15 p.m. Ham loaf, homemade rolls, and drinks will be provided (cost is \$1.25 for adults, 75¢ for children under 12 years). Please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert and table service.

Lent, the season of spiritual preparation for Easter, will be here before we know it! Our evening program sponsored by the Christian Education committee, will be a time for children, youth, and adults to begin to think and learn together about this special time of the church year.

Child care will be provided for children not yet in kindergarten. All others will enjoy doing the learning activities in our "Journey to Easter".

Get ready to Think Spring and Come to the Lenten Fair - Journey to Easter.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE HERE WITH WEST CREIGHTON

West Creighton Avenue Christian Church and their choir will join us and our choir for a joint Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 12. This brief but meaningful service will help to prepare us for the journey to Jerusalem climaxing in Holy Week and Easter. 7:30 p.m. Babysitting provided.

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Call 744-3239 now to RSVP or for more information.

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ATTENTION COOKS: HELP! DON'T CRACK THAT EGG!

One of the activities of the Fellowship dinner on February 5 will be decorating eggs - so we need many hollow eggs to color. To blow out eggs: with a needle, gently poke a small hole about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " across in the top and bottom of the egg. Blow contents into a bowl. Bring eggs to church or to the Fellowship dinner, please. Any questions, call Mindy Hamm at 745-4536.

MANY THANKS!

The CYF sends many thanks to Dr. Kerley for providing the very kissable cute pig for our pig kissing contest! Thank you!

SUMMER IN FEBRUARY!

Plan on staying for lunch after church on February 16, because the CYF will be serving a summer in February Lunch!

CYF - Next week (February 2) bring your favorite pizza topping and we'll make our own home grown pizza! 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

JUST WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR GIFTS?

New opportunities and different stages in life call on us to use different gifts and to make different contributions. As Peter Drucker said in a conversation, "Here I am, 58 and still don't know what I'm going to do when I grow up." Commitment at the intersecting point of my gifts mean that I must give up being a straddler. A scripture in I Kings 18:20 speaks a powerful and needed word, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions?"

There is in the depth of my soul the knowledge of this truth. Life will not be in the smorgasbord that we humans have so often made it, sampling and tasting here and there. Commitment defines one's identity, but there is also fear in that knowledge or even in movement toward it. What shall I do with my life? That's a question begging resolve and any exaggerated avoidance of it leads to the abyss.

It is time to stop straddling, limping. It is time to shove the shore away. But it is so much easier to try the untried when what we do is inconsequential and affects only ourselves. It is easier to play with the ultimate decisions of life as if they don't matter; we usually move farther and faster that way. Maybe that is why so many of today's valuable inventions and machines had their birth as toys. One ventures farther when one is playing for fun rather than for keeps.

God's gifts of the Spirit can only work effectively in us when we allow ourselves the possibility of failure. Spontaneity goes when we cease to play and then the emergence of the unexpected and the novel ceases to be a possibility. However, in our culture, we are so success-oriented that we have little understanding of this spiritual and creative act of play.

Life is spaced out before us! Let us live!! Let us never fear failure. While we listen to our critics and work to avoid failure, let us know we are not better for another's praise, nor are we worse for his blames. We are never better for our success nor worse for our failure. The point is the motion of our life and the direction thereto. (Reprint of article by A.W. Farnsworth, Central Christian, Huntington

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

To Steve Jones, of Grabill Woodworking Specialties, Inc., for his assistance and excellent craftsmanship in making the Pew Racks and to Carolyn Fable for typing the book plates for the Pew Bible Project.

Janet Weicker

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 1-26-86

Scott Bowken, R.R. 3, Churubusco; Dennis & Abby Graham, 2806 Wilderness Road; Betty Wiltfong, 1028 Merritt Dr., El Cajon, CA; Rollie & Elsie Scott, 1839 Hawthorne Road; Mrs. Doris Walton & Tiffany Walton, 10257 Penny Lane, Indianapolis, IN.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I appreciated George Bruckman's heartfelt sharing in the sermon, and the witness of all the lay people who led us in worship Sunday. I hope you were present.

As you read this, I and the Churches, the Grahams, Bobbi Lindsay, Liz Johnson, Jean McGrew, and Mary Wilhelm should be in Tiberias, Israel on the Sea of Galilee. We will be thinking of you as we share a sunrise communion service on the sea shore. Please pray for us, too! Most of us will return Wednesday, February 5. Jean and Mary are going on to Egypt and will return February 7. I wish you could all be with us!

See you Sunday, February 9. Don will bring the Word this Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

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ITS A BABY SHOWER!

To celebrate the birth of Albert Lloyd Wiltfong, born January 21, all the ladies of the church are invited to a Baby Shower on Saturday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

If you need a gift suggestion, feel free to call Deb Miller at 456-4028.

PRAYER SERVICE - 6:15 - 7:00 P.M. SUNDAYS

Father, I thank Thee for thy mercies which are new every morning. For the gift of sleep; for health and strength; for the vision of another day with its fresh opportunities of work and service; for all these and more than these, I thank Thee. Before looking on the face of men I would look on Thee, who art the health of my countenance and my God. Not without Thy guidance would I go forth to meet the duties and tasks of the day. Strengthen me so that in all my work I may be faithful; amid trials, courageous, in suffering, patient; under disappointment, full of hope in Thee. Grant this for Thy goodness sake. Amen.

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The knowledge that his friends are praying for him is one of the finest and most empowering influences that can surround any man.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

This week was the first meeting of the Associate Pastor Relations Committee. I am pleased with the five people who have agreed to serve on this committee, who are Judy Church, Betty Grimm, Mildred Hartman, Curt Miller, and Pat Mullen, and I wanted to tell you about them and their tasks.

The Associate Pastor Relations Committee is intended to be a communications link between the congregation and the Associate Pastor, someone to whom I can bring issues I am dealing with in my ministry, and who can bring concerns of which they hear from the congregation to me. All of these concerns can be dealt with in an open, frank, and confidential manner within the committee.

So, I wish to thank them for agreeing to serve on this committee, and I wish to commend them to you in their functioning as members.

*Don*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

SERVING FEBRUARY 2  
ELDERS  
8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and  
Laura York8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and  
Chip OlsonDIACONATE & GREETERS  
8:15 A.M. G. Brown-SW, E. Conrad-NW, J. Young, M. Novachcoff  
10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, C. Miller-  
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Kerley, S. Kerley, E. Klepfer, R.  
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8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snuffer,  
B. DeVinney10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, K. Tobias, C. Schnobel  
GREETERS8:15 A.M. Kathryn Cullen  
10:45 A.M. Rosemary Krull  
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9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
2:30 P.M. Youth Groups  
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir  
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

## TIDINGS

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7:00 P.M. Calling Night  
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:15 P.M. Fellowship Dinner

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:30 A.M. Parents meeting for CYF/

Chi Rho

BIRTHDAYS February 7-13

Elinor Place (7)

Nita Wilson (7)

Nancy Smith (8)

Betty Harter (9)

Steve White (9)

Sharon Knuckles (9)

Ken Place (10)

Marvin Crouse (11)

Bill DeViney (12)

Chris McDougle (12)

Jeanetta Lahmeyer (13)

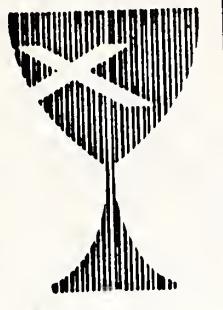
Virgil Buchanan (13)

Kevin Tobias (13)

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

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We welcome the congregation and Angelos Choir from West Creighton Christian Church to this worship service. The two choirs will together lead the music portions of the service. In this spirit of unity and fellowship our personal and corporate devotion will be enhanced.

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The Festival Choir, and outgrowth of last summer's Festival of Peace and Understanding, sponsored by I.U.-Purdue and Associated Churches, will sing its concert program, Singing One Another's Song, at First Christian Friday evening, February 28, at 7:30 p.m. The choir is ecumenical, representing some 20 churches in the Fort Wayne area. It is preparing for a 6 city tour through the midwest of Shalom congregations March 2-8. The program is lively and varied and includes much congregational singing as well as readings and anthems. Please set aside this date and invite friends to this wonderful evening!

## JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, optional jogging at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, let's bring our families to the fellowship dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, jogging and our finalized spring schedule - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 P.M.

NOTE: Needed are small gifts to take to the Byron Health Center -- (example: small kleenex boxes, combs, etc.-personal items). There will be a box at the south door off the parking lot for you to put the gifts into. Thanks!

#### THE FELLOWSHIP OF JOHN

Recent statistics show that in Indiana's two NBA homes for older adults, 45% of the residents in healthcare and 21% of those in residential care have exhausted their financial resources. A total of \$86,200 is needed in donations to meet this need.

The Fellowship of John has been formed to address this problem of elderly adults. The name of this organization stems from the disciple John's immediate response to care for Jesus' mother Mary. Through this program persons may commit themselves to Shares of Care. Each share is a promise of \$12.00 per month for a period of 3 years.

For further information and commitment blanks, please pick up Fellowship of John folders on the table by the bulletin board in fellowship hall.

#### WEIGHT WATCHERS HERE

By action of the Board, the Weight Watchers Organization will be holding Thursday morning and evening sessions in our fellowship hall. This arrangement will continue until their new facility is ready in May. They have sessions in several other places as well, since their complex was burned out in January.

#### PRAYER SERVICE, SUNDAYS, 6:15 - 7:00 P.M.

Jesus said, "I can of mine own self do nothing." Also, "The Father is in me and I in Him. I and my Father are one." 47 times in the gospel of John, Jesus said he was under God's orders, and that he never did anything, never said anything, until his Father gave the command. He was listening every moment of the day to his invisible companion. Wes and I feel that Sunday evening Prayer Service is a good place to learn this kind of listening. For us, the Prayer Service has become a habit. One that can ignore the 20 minute drive back to the church on Sunday night. By candlelight, we who come to pray and meditate, are blessed, I think, not only by the company of others with whom we have this habit in common, but by the stillness, the silence, the presence and oneness we find with God. And - in this atmosphere - aloneness never lasts for long. Tho' we could "pray at home" so to speak, this time has special meaning for each of us who attend, perhaps because we have made a particular effort to come. But more importantly, I think, because we are all gathered solely for the purpose of communicating in silence with God.

In the meaning of prayer, Harry Emerson Fosdick said, "Deep in everyone of us lies the tendency to pray. If we allow it to remain merely a tendency, it becomes nothing but a selfish, unintelligent, occasional cry of need. But, understood and disciplined, it reveals possibilities whose limits never have been found."

Why not join us this Sunday evening, 6:15 - 7:00 p.m., and discover the meaning of prayer for yourself.

Mimi Westerfield

#### CYF/CHI RHO

The CYF and Chi Rho group will meet this Sunday, February 9, at 1:00 p.m. to make candy to sell the following Sunday. Join us!

#### SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Barb Hayes and her family in the death of her father, Herschel Odier, last week.

We are committed to the foolishness of Christian ministry: That foolishness where we proclaim a Kingdom which is not a government, where we follow a king who is not a monarch, and where we are servants but not slaves.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-2-86  
Ed Gathe; Betty Frantz; Steve Wambach,  
6006 Bunt Drive.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Have you ever wondered how ministers choose their sermon topics? Several factors enter in for most of us. For example, some ministers begin with the lectionary readings for the Sunday in question (a lectionary is a three year plan through which all the major portions of scripture are read). I sometimes use the lectionary as a starting point. Often, a passage of scripture will speak to me in my own Bible study, and a seed of a sermon is planted. Sometimes a theme is suggested to me by what's happening in my life or the lives of parishioners. Sometimes an inspiration comes like a bolt from the blue (O happy day)!

Personally, I also seek to vary the style and form of my sermons. While I may feel more pastoral than prophetic in any given month, I nevertheless try to mix up my sermons so that everyone gets something they need every month, at least. So I may do in succeeding weeks sermons that are pastoral, educational, prophetic, and intensely personal. The order often remains the same for a couple of months or so, which is why people who attend every 3 or 4 weeks may get the same kind of sermon every time they come.

Exceptions are sometimes a sermon series in which all of the individual sermons have the same basic theme, flavor, and character. But even then, I try to mix it up as best I can.

Of course, the Spirit has the last word. Sometimes sermons prepared to be pastoral turn out to be prophetic and vice versa. You never know for sure what's going to happen until it does.

Well, in case you wondered, now you know something about how I do it, anyway. By the way, if you have particular scriptures, themes, or issues you would like to hear addressed, let me know and I'll work it into the menu when it feels right.

I'm enthused about a sermon series Don and I will be bringing you during Lent, which will begin Sunday, February 16! This Sunday, February 9, I'll be preaching "On Giving a Fig", based on Luke 13:6-9, and II Corinthians 5:17-19.

See you then. In the meantime, let's pray for each other!

Love,

*Dick*

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COMPASSION  
February 16-23

As God Has Loved Us....The annual Week of Compassion offering gives us the opportunity to join other Protestants in the One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering is for the relief of human suffering around the world through disaster relief and programs that help people to help themselves.

## SERVING FEBRUARY 9

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Pat Mullen and Wayne Johnson  
10:45 A.M. Merle Grimm and B111 Johnson

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8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, B. Grimm-NW, J. Kelly, E. Conrad  
10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, K. Tobias-NW, M. Hamm-SE, W. Westfield-NE, S. Smith, D. Parlette, R. Stover, L. Stover

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snuffer, J. Myers  
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westfield, B. Haines, K. Taylor

### GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Earl & Reba Fusselman  
10:45 A.M. Deloris Anspach

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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

### First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

1:00 P.M. Youth Groups making candy

4:30 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:45 A.M. Rebecca Group at the church

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the church

5:00 P.M. Celebration

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:30 A.M. All Church Ski Outing

No one was in the hospitals at the time of printing the Tidings.

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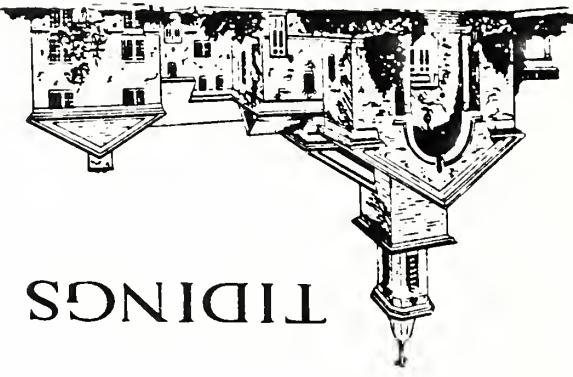
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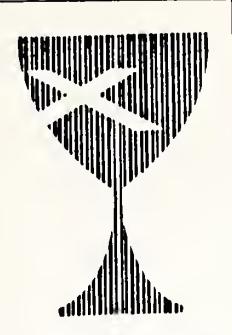
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## SINGING ONE ANOTHER'S SONG

On Friday evening, February 28, at 7:30 p.m., The Festival Choir, a city-wide ecumenical group, will sing its varied program of anthems, spirituals, patriotic and folk songs in its last local concert before it leaves Fort Wayne for a tour of Shalom congregations throughout the midwest. Shalom congregations are those within the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, which have made a commitment to study the issues of peace and justice. The choir's purposes are two-fold. One is to share with other communities that which Fort Wayne is doing in the area of peace and understanding, and the other is to bring home ideas from other places. We invite you to come and enjoy and help to give the choir support and encouragement in its efforts - a royal send-off!

## DINNERS OF 6 & 8

If you did not sign up for the dinners of 6 or 8 last fall and would like to join in the fun for the spring round of dinners in March & April, call the church office days (744-3239) or Miriam Bixenman evenings (745-3365) and let us know which kind of dinner you wish to participate in. You may also sign up at church this Sunday, February 16. Remember, the dinners of 6 are eat out groups and the dinners of 8 groups eat in the homes. Don't miss the fun and fellowship.

## LENTEN ATTENDANCE DRIVE

Again this year your Membership Committee is sponsoring an attendance drive for the Lenten Season. If you did not pick up your Lenten Devotional Booklet and attendance pledge card last Sunday, we ask you to be sure and do so this Sunday. Booklets are in Fellowship Hall, with your name on your booklet. They are arranged alphabetically within zip codes. Please deposit signed attendance cards that are in the booklets in the basket on the table.

## SPECIAL FORUM AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

The Outreach & Service Committee has planned several opportunities for us to discuss various social concerns in a Christian context. The first of these will be on Saturday, February 22, from 9:00 - 11:00. We will be discussing the Christians response to the issue of homosexuality. The session is not to be a debate, but rather an opportunity for understanding our own feelings and the feelings of other Christians. We invite you to be a part of this discussion.

## SLIDE PRESENTATION OF ISRAEL

Dr. Hamm will be showing slides of Israel at a fellowship dinner at West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, 845 W. Creighton Avenue, this Sunday, February 16. Our folks are heartily invited to join in this Valentine Dinner (3.50 adults, 2.00 children) which will be served until 1:00 p.m. The slide presentation will be at 1:30 p.m., in case you cannot attend the dinner.

## ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING

Call the church office immediately to RSVP for this great annual gathering this Sunday evening, February 16, 6:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian. Cost 5.50 for supper. Special speaker, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches!

#### IN MULTITUDES OF SMALL PIECES

Our attention continues in focus on Africa because, in spite of some rain, the crisis continues there. But our offering brings hope into many small places in other parts of the world, too.

There is hope in the piggery we are helping to support in Thailand. It means meat and cash income for the people.

There is hope in the "parliament to people" program in rural India. Volunteers go on foot to talk with rural people, helping them to understand their rights under the constitution and how current legislation affects their lives.

There is hope in the community organization work among urban poor in the Philippines.

There is hope for the people of Paraguay because we help to support their inter-church committee for emergency aid for political detainees and their families.

There is hope for Thai women in a program operated by the local churches in West Germany and France. These women are brought into Europe on false pretenses and forced into prostitution. The local churches are trying to meet their needs: helping them find other employment or return to their homes.

There is hope for the children in Guatemala in the nutrition program our offering supports there.

And in Ethiopia, our medical team continues with the intensive feeding center giving children a hope of life.

In multitudes of small places, love blossoms because of our Week of Compassion offering - and hope grows.

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#### STAY FOR LUNCH

Sunday, February 16, the CYF and Chi Rho will be serving an inexpensive lunch after second service and coffee hour. Plan on staying and showing support for the youth groups!

#### EDELWEIS BENEDICTION

It has been brought to our attention that use of this tune is an infringement of copyright regulations. Therefore, we have discontinued its use.

The Staff

#### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-9-86

Jo Sickafoose, 4720 Beaver Avenue.

#### SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Ted Pfennig in the death of his grandfather.

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#### THE SEVEN WARNING SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL CANCER

1. An unusual preoccupation with self; overemphasis in conversation about I, me, us, mine, ours.
2. A lump or thickening in the wallet or bank account, without regard for the great needs of others.
3. A sore feeling of anger or resentment that persists and does not heal.
4. A change in prayer life and attendance at worship, from regular to irregular.
5. A feeling of hoarseness or uneasiness when matters relating to God, Christ and the Church are mentioned.
6. Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing Christian thought or references to commitment, witnessing or stewardship.
7. A change in size, color or complexion when asked, "Are you an active participating member of your church?"

#### HOW IS THE HEALTH OF YOUR SOUL?

If you are alarmed by any of these warning signs, we suggest an immediate consultation with the Great Physician.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Our trip to Israel could not have been more pleasant or rewarding. The nine of us enjoyed one another's company and shared many a tearful moment. I only wish you could all have been with us. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity again.

We are now beginning our Lenten journey. I hope this "40 days plus Sundays till Easter" will be a time of spiritual growth and refreshment for me and you. We have some very exciting things coming in Lent, including a sermon series exploring faith issues in the 20th century, a visit from Robert Short (author of the Gospel according To Peanuts and other books), and a musical presentation from our children! Please covenant to be here every Sunday in Lent.

This Sunday, I'll begin the season with a sermon entitled "Christ and Culture". Read Mark 12:13-17 in preparation.

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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ABOUT THE ANTHEM SUNDAY!

Anybody wonder why what was sung wasn't what was named in the bulletin? I know! You thought it was because the choir wasn't prepared. Wrong! It was suggested after the first service that a different anthem would fit better with the sermon by a choir member who knew the working repertoire. And so we thought changing the anthem at the last minute (10:20 a.m.) would be a fun idea. Also daring! Congratulations, Chancel Choir!

Dick said if he had known the sermon didn't fit the anthem, he would have changed the sermon.

You shouldn't have said that, Dick! The choir may hold you to it one day!



Give  
through Week of Compassion  
February 16 - 23

Let's "Give the World a Hug" by giving to the Week of Compassion offering. This year-round program is our channel for combatting world hunger and alleviating suffering brought about by natural disasters, whether they be earthquakes, storms, droughts, etc., which leave our brothers and sisters homeless and hungry.

## SERVING FEBRUARY 16

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy and Ralph Church  
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and  
Sam Hayes

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Snouffer-SW, E.  
Snouffer-NW, M. Hutchinson, J.  
Lindsay

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-SW, S. Callahan-NW, M. Callahan-SE, W. Bowen-NE,  
D. Graham, J. Hahn, C. Falbe, S.  
Englehart

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,  
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westfield, H. Nordblom, J. Jones

### GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Fred & Rychie Smell  
10:45 A.M. Judy & Dick Mey  
ACOLYTES

Carla Slick & Sara Glasgow  
COMMUNION PREPARATION  
M. Novachcoff & M. Hamm  
EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS  
Lori Lewis & Terri Pfenning

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff  
10:45 A.M. Kris Ohneck

### HOSPITALS

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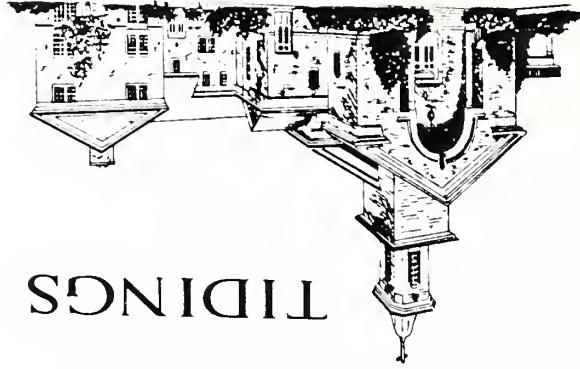
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## TIDINGS



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
12:00 NOON Lunch served by the youth groups

1:30 P.M. Slide presentation of Israel at West Creighton Avenue

Christian Church  
Bell Choir

4:30 P.M. Associated Churches Annual Meeting at First Presbyterian Church

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 P.M. Calling Night  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:00 P.M. Celebration  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at the church  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 A.M. Forum sponsored by Outreach & Service Committee

BIRTHDAYS February 21-27  
Margaret Jenkins (21)

Steve Hall (22)  
Walter Bowen (22)

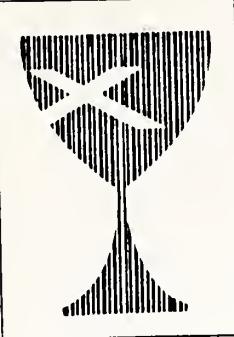
Elizabeth Armstrong (22)  
Judith Brickleay (23)

Barb Mettler (23)  
Susan Rousseau (23)

Dan Church (25)  
Eunice Conrad (25)

Cathy Katt (26)  
Homer Stevenson (26)

Bill Chappell (26)  
Bette Jones (27)



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Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLIII February 19, 1986 No. 7

## COMING FEBRUARY 28!

Singing One Another's Song, an ecumenical, inter-cultural concert, will be presented in our sanctuary February 28 at 7:30 p.m. by the Festival Choir, a 40 voice ensemble representing Fort Wayne and Allen County. The program includes representative readings and music from Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths, and many cultures. There will be dancers from the North East School of Ballet, and congregational singing of familiar songs with the choir. It is directed by Helen Donnell, assisted by Harold Turner from Union Baptist Church. Do, please, plan to be a part of this concert of peace and understanding.

## DON'T MENTION AGE

The D.M.A. will meet on Tuesday, March 4, rather than February 25 as previously printed. We will meet at the church at noon, go out to lunch, and then take a tour of the Fort Wayne Newspapers. All ages welcome.

## SPECIAL FORUM AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

The Outreach and Service Committee invites you to attend a forum on Homosexuality - A Christian Response. We will meet on Saturday morning, February 22 from 9:00 - 11:00. Our leaders will be Tom Bridges, pastor of South Wayne Baptist Church, and Carol Durham, a counselor with the Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center. We will be discussing the Biblical messages relating to this subject, and also become aware of the psychological and clinical information available today. This is a subject about which many of us have little knowledge, and consequently little understanding. We invite you to come with an open mind and an open heart. You will have the opportunity to ask questions or express your feelings if you choose to do so. You may also choose to come and listen only. We hope that each of us who attends will leave with a better understanding of our own feelings and our response as Christians to this issue.

## SEMINAR: PAUL AND HIS LETTERS

For five weeks we will study the Apostle Paul, his thinking and his letters. Class will meet each Monday evening at 7:00, from February 24 to March 24. Since Paul is the single contributor of much of the New Testament, understanding him means a lot toward understanding the New Testament! Come and study this important man and his thinking! Books are available in the office for \$10.00.

## SECRET PLACE AVAILABLE

The new quarter's devotional booklets are in. Get your copy for March-April-May this Sunday!

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD - FEBRUARY 25, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Come and find out what you can do about hunger.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 7:00 P.M.

Babysitting is provided! Outreach & Service Committee will not be meeting.

# Yakima Director Appointed

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (DNS) — Special ministries among Indians in Washington state and the rural poor in Appalachia will enter 1986 with renewed commitment of the North American ministries arm of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Lehigh John, Yakima, will become the first Indian to serve as director of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Wash., December 1. The mission was established in 1921.

Beginning January 1, the Rev. Bennett D. Poage, Atlanta, Ga., will head the new Kentucky Appalachian Ministry which succeeds the now-closed Hazel Green Academy. The academy was started in 1880 as a boarding school for under-privileged Appalachian children.

John and Poage will serve on the staffs of the regions where the programs are located.

The new directors of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission and the Kentucky Appalachian Ministry were announced during the Disciples' Division of Homeland Ministries board meeting here November 20-21.

The two appointments represent new partnerships between the division and the Northwest and Kentucky regions, said the Rev. John R. Compton, division president, in his report to the board.

"Lodging the administrative responsibility within the regions and the calling of the two directors to the regional staffs will put the day-to-day operations closer to the people being served," he said.

Reassignment of administrative oversight of the Yakima and Appalachian ministries does not represent a lessening of the division's interest in the special ministries, according to Compton.

"Historically, the division has been concerned about and ministered in areas of special need. The two moves recognize the need for new styles of ministry in the midst of a changing world situation. This partnership carries with it new possibilities for creative ministries among two neglected groups of people," said Compton.

The Yakima ministry currently includes counseling services, a food bank, recreational facilities and services to youth, a clothing depot and congregational pastoral services.

The Sundown M. Ranch property which once housed a boarding school for Indian children has been offered for sale to the Yakima Indian Tribal Council.

The Hazel Green Academy campus, closed in 1983 because of rising costs and mounting debts, now houses the Wolfe County Board of Education's middle school for 250 children.

The division will contribute \$60,000 to the Yakima mission and \$70,000 to the Appalachian ministry in 1986.

Compton and the Rev. Rolland G. Pfile, executive for the division's department of church in society, will serve as staff consultants to the Kentucky ministry. The Rev. Elby Boosinger, executive for men's ministry, will serve as liaison for the Yakima ministry.

## CHILD CARE NEEDED!

March 1 - May 31. 2nd shift hours, while mother completes hospital clinical hours for schooling. Contact Bev Hudlow at 747-4849.

## CWF GIVING INCREASES IN 1985!

The year-end report for 1985 is in, and it reflects good news for the women of the Christian Church in Indiana. Giving by Indiana C.W.F.'s to Basic Mission Finance was up by .66% over 1984. Translated into dollars and cents, this means that in 1985, the women of Indiana gave \$226,764.27 compared to \$225,283.08 in 1984. This is an increase of \$1,481.19. In terms of dollars given to Basic Mission Finance, the Indiana C.W.F. is again number one among the 35 regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

While this increase is cause for celebration, it is also a challenge for 1986. There are many regions who are far ahead of Indiana in per capita giving to B.M.F. The challenge for Indiana C.W.F.'s in 1986 will be to look at per capita (per member) giving along with total dollars given and achieve some significant growth there.

## ALL CHURCH DINNER - MARCH 5

On March 5, 6:15 p.m. we will celebrate an All-Church Birthday Party. Come celebrate your birthday, no matter when it is. A panel regarding: Service Opportunities and Services Offered.

Meat, rolls, and beverage will be provided. Cost is \$1.25 for adults, and \$.75 for children 10 and under. Sign up at the church this Sunday and next Sunday.

Mark this date on your calendar!

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP -

2-16-86

Dan Smith, 201 E. Maple Grove Avenue; Anita Ellis, 1004 Burgess.

## CYF/CHI RHO

This week we will begin a study of sexuality. What does our culture say about sex - on T.V., in magazines, in the movies and the music we hear? Do they represent the real world? Let's look at these and see what you think.

## ALSO:

Are you ready to retreat? March 7, 8, and 9, the CYF is going to Camp Barbee. The theme is "Blessed Are The Peacemakers", which will also be the theme for Youth Sunday. Now, you are going to be asked to participate, so come to the retreat and get yourself prepared!

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

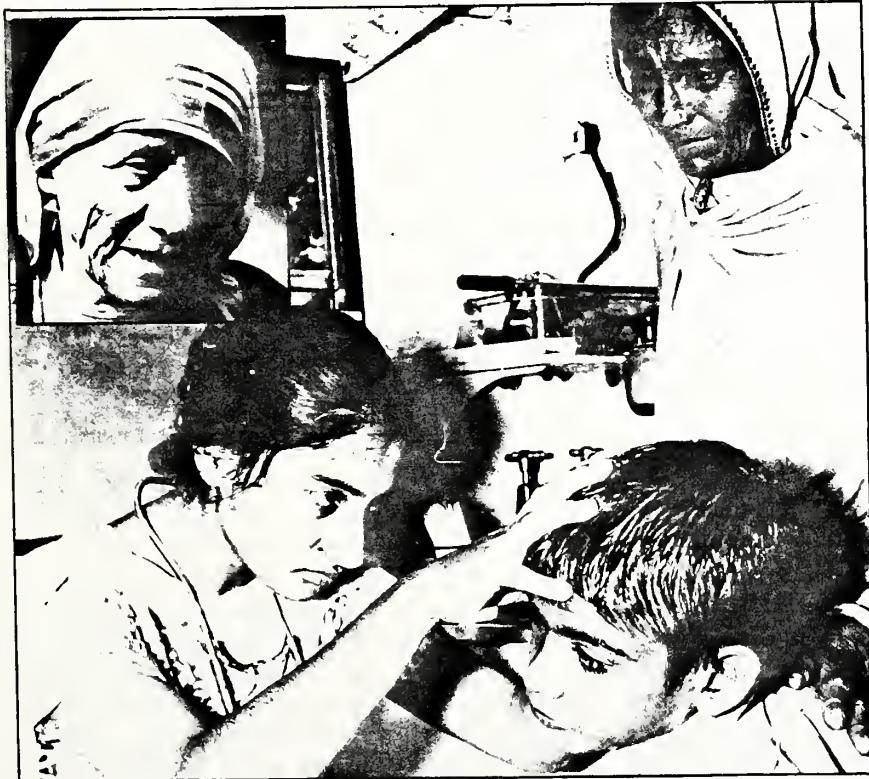
The Ash Wednesday Service was a truly beautiful experience, made all the more beautiful by the presence of our West Creighton friends. We'll go there for a special service Palm Sunday afternoon.

At the Associated Churches Annual Meeting, First Christian was recognized for our outstanding support of that ministry. In addition, Dr. Arie Brouer, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches gave an excellent overview of present Council emphasis. Dr. Clyde Adams received the annual Ecumenical Award for his many years of service in Fort Wayne and his ecumenical cooperation.

This Sunday, I'll continue our Lenten sermon series "20th Century Faith". I hope you'll be with us. See you then.

Love,

*Dick*



ONE BY ONE

One Great Hour of Sharing

"There are so many poor people," someone once remarked to Mother Teresa of Calcutta. "How can any one of us ever make a difference?" She looked the young man squarely in the eye and gently replied, "One by one, my son...one by one."

Two thousand years ago Jesus called together a little band of followers. One by one He asked them to lay aside the concerns of their daily lives and take up more important work. Their territory was to be the whole world. It seemed an impossible task, but He promised to be with them always. And He told them how they would recognize Him -- in the lives of the poor.

Today the band of twelve has become millions, but we still feel overwhelmed. Yet the mission remains unchanged: to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to free the oppressed, to pass the peace of God to all of our sisters and brothers here on earth.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, your concern for the hungry and the disadvantaged is expressed in more than 70 countries: As food, seeds, tools, wells, roads, and livestock. As vocational and literacy training, medical care and mother/child nutrition education.

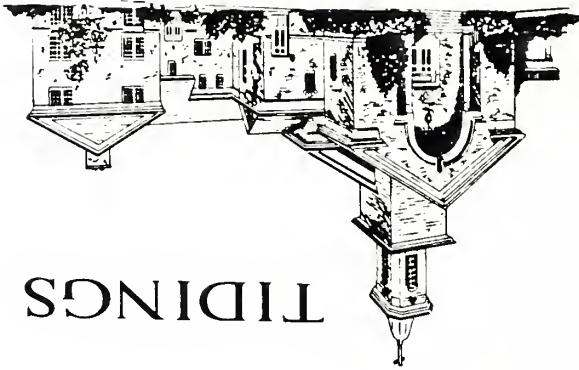
Transforming love is transforming lives -- one by one...as God has loved us...

SERVING FEBRUARY 23

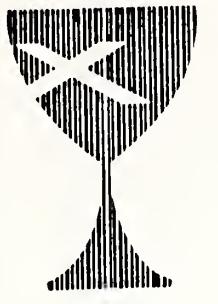
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8:15 A.M.	Delores Keebortz and Mildred Hartman
10:45 A.M.	Liz Johnson and Sam Hayes
	DIACONATE & GREETERS
8:15 A.M.	M. Novachcoff-SW, J. Young-NW, E. Conrad, E. Snouffer
10:45 A.M.	E. Klepfer-SW, R. Krull- NW, S. Kerley-SE, B. Kerley-NE, K. Ohneck, J. Ohneck, C. Miller, P.
Tobias	USHERS
8:15 A.M.	D. Smith, E. Snouffer, D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M.	H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, K. Tobias, E. Kreischer
	GREETERS
8:15 A.M.	Neva Mennewisch
10:45 A.M.	Linda & Rodger Hendricks
	ACOLYTES
	Laura Hamm & Lindsay Miller
	HOMEBOUND COMMUNION
	J. Church - J. Lindsay
	C. Olson - L. Lewis
	B. Johnson - K. Perkins
	M. Grimm - M. Mullen
	COMMUNION PREPARATION
	Snouffers' & Stovers'
	EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS
	Becky Glasgow & Sue Kerley
	LAY WORSHIP LEADERS
8:15 A.M.	Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M.	Judy Mey

TIDINGS



JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP  
Will meet Sunday, February 23 at  
4:30 P.m. for jogging and preparation  
for visit to Heritage Manor Nursing  
Home.



# First Christian Church

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Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLIII February 26, 1986 No. 8

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Burt Long transferred from First Christian Union, and Connie Ellis from St. Joseph Catholic. They both work at Lincoln Bank and will be married here in April. Burt lives at 507 Harbor Walk Drive, phone - 747-1050. Connie lives at 13218 Timbercrest Trail, phone - 672-2506.

Welcome!

## SINGING ONE ANOTHER'S SONG

-----a concert of readings and music representing many faiths and cultures will be presented in our sanctuary February 28 at 7:30 p.m. by the Festival Choir, an outgrowth of last summer's Festival of Peace and Understanding. The program will be taped for broadcasting on Channel 10. The music includes Jewish and Catholic anthems as well as Spirituals, patriotic and popular songs. Dancers from the North East School of Ballet will also take part. An offering will be taken to help with the expenses of the bus which will take the choir on a tour of the Shalom congregations throughout the mid-west March 2-8. The tour is also being underwritten in part by Lincoln National Corporation and North American Van Lines.

The choir is a 40 voice, city-wide ecumenical group, representing 20 congregations, all volunteering their time and energies toward this effort of love, peace, and understanding. It is directed by Helen Donnell, assisted by Harold Turner from Union Baptist Church, and Jim Mittan, accompanist. Come and enjoy!

## ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mark your calendar, save Wednesday, March 5, and come celebrate your birthday (no matter what the date) and help others of your church family celebrate theirs. Have an evening of fun and fellowship (maybe even win a prize). In addition, hear an outstanding program!

To begin, as you come into the fellowship hall, find a seat at the table designated by the month of your birthday. Ruth Ann Sprunger, head of the Mental Health Association of Allen County, will speak to us for 10 minutes on the services the association offers and how they use volunteers.

Next we will have dinner. Fried chicken, rolls, beverage, and birthday cake will be furnished at the church (cost is \$1.25 for adults, 75¢ for children 10 and under), with the rest potluck (bring vegetables or salads). Then comes the birthday celebration.

Following will be a panel entitled "Services Offered/Service Opportunites". Panel members come to us from Crossroads, Koala, Phone Friend, and the Shelter for Battered Women and Children. Each will make a 5 minute presentation and there will be time for questions following. Dick Vanderwall will moderate the panel and field the questions.

The entire evening begins at 6:15 p.m. and will be over by 8:00. Reservations will be helpful. Make them at church next Sunday, if you didn't make yours last week, or phone the church office (744-3239) or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) by Monday, March 3. There will be child care for pre-school children during the program.

## DON'T MENTION AGE

The D.M.A. will meet on Wednesday, March 5, 11:30 a.m. to go to lunch and a tour of the Fort Wayne Newspapers. Note the time change (not March 4 as previously announced).

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

A new program called "Parents' Night Out" will begin March 21. This will be a monthly gathering on 3rd Fridays. On March 21, we'll meet at the church for a progressive dinner ending up at the home of the Pfennings to see a movie. Each month we'll try to do something together that isn't too expensive and that will be good fellowship. Plan to join us! RSVP 744-3239.

## THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 7:30 P.M.

The Festival Choir will be at First Christian! Come and hear a 40 voice choir representing many churches of Allen County. Channel 10 cameras will be on hand.

## ON PRAYER

"All the characteristic enthusiasms of our day cluster around work. In churches, service is the popular note. Our failure in prayer is partly due to the prevailing temper of our generation, which in its splendid enthusiasm for work has neglected that culture of prayer, on which in the end the finest quality of spirit and the deepest resources of power must depend. Is this not one reason why keen observers note that our generation is marked by practical efficiency and spiritual shallowness? May we not hope to keep in ourselves the best gains of this efficient age and at the same time recover the "practice of the presence of God?"

## ON BEING STEWARDS

Stewardship is a difficult word to understand. In Webster's there are seven definitions of the word stewards; all but one connoting leadership: a person in charge, one who acts as a supervisor, a person responsible, and so forth. They all have to do with management of households, finances, administration, arrangements, etc. How are we to interpret stewardship in relation to the church?

Simply, we can all be stewards of our congregation, taking the lead in our own ways to help the church function day to day; financially, organizationally, administratively, and by seeing and doing whatever needs to be done. What we do individually and collectively in any or all these ways to help our church and congregation meet its goals and to fulfill our roles as Disciples of Christ is what the word stewardship is all about.

Jack Lindsay for the Stewardship Committee

## CALL FOR COUNSELORS!

If you could be available to spend a week this summer counseling at camp, contact Dick or Don. The fine camp program of the Indiana Region depends on quality volunteers, and that means YOU! Working with Juniors, Junior Highers, or High Schoolers for a week is a demanding and highly rewarding experience. We encourage you to give it a try!

## CYF/CHI RHO

This week we continue our study of sexuality: What is the nature of sexual relationships? What is mature love? What does the Bible say? We had a good discussion last week, and I hope you can all be there to continue it this week.

### ALSO:

Are you ready to retreat? March 7, 8, and 9, the CYF is going to Camp Barbee. The theme is "Blessed Are the Peacemakers", which will also be the theme for Youth Sunday. Now, you are going to be asked to participate, so come to the retreat and get yourself prepared!

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank Opal Carper, Rosemary Krull, Edna Nordblom, Dick Mey, Dan Ross, and Paul Yentes for their help in painting the kitchen. I really appreciated the help!

Laura York

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-23-86

Grace A. Smith, 431 E. Wayne, #53; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ashton, 5031 Webster Street; Mrs. Fran Miller, 433 S. 1st Street, Decatur, IN; Dan & Paula Smith, 201 E. Maple Grove Avenue; and Doris Walton, 10257 Penny Lane, Indianapolis, IN.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I'm getting excited about March 16, Sunday. Robert Short, author of "The Gospel According to Peanuts", and "The Gospel From Outer Space", and several other books that interpret the Gospel through contemporary art and media will be with us during morning worship and again in the evening. Through slides and sound, Dr. Short will help us see God's message in new ways, I hope everyone will invite guests to join us on this special occasion!

We are already one-third of the way through Lent! How is your journey going? Are you moving closer to God through self-examination, prayer, and devotion? I'm getting a great deal from it.

We have crocus shoots in our backyard! Can spring be far behind!?

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. Well, Herb does go to church here (Herb Banet, that is). The Journal Gazette liked it, anyway!

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Sometimes I feel like I'm holding on by my toenails. You ever feel like that? It can be because we are trying to fit too much in, or because we are enduring a sickness, or that something is happening that bothers us, or something might happen that worries us. So we feel like we are over the cliff's edge with no firm hold -- just our toenails dug into the stony clay.

Here's a gem for just such a time: Psalm 131.

O Lord, My heart is not lifted up,  
    my eyes are not raised too high.  
I do not occupy myself with things  
    too great and marvelous for me.  
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
    like a child quieted at its Mother's breast;  
    like a child that is quieted is my soul.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord  
    from this time forth and for evermore.

That's it. That's the whole Psalm. But then, I think it is enough.

*Don*

## SERVING MARCH 2

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Bill Franklin  
10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and Miriam Bixenman

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**  
8:15 A.M. E. Conrad-SW, J. Kelly-NW, M. Hutchinson, B. Grimm  
10:45 A.M. S. Smith-SW, D. Parlette-NW, J. Wagoner-SE, K. Tobias-NE, P. Tobias, R. Stover, L. Stover, B. Wiltfong

**USHERS**  
8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, B. DeVinney  
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, C. Schnobel, K. Taylor

**GREETERS**  
8:15 A.M. Gini Brown  
10:45 A.M. Stan & Gloria Horine  
ACOLYTES  
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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

**LAY WORSHIP LEADERS**  
8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz  
10:45 A.M. Sandy Zimmerman

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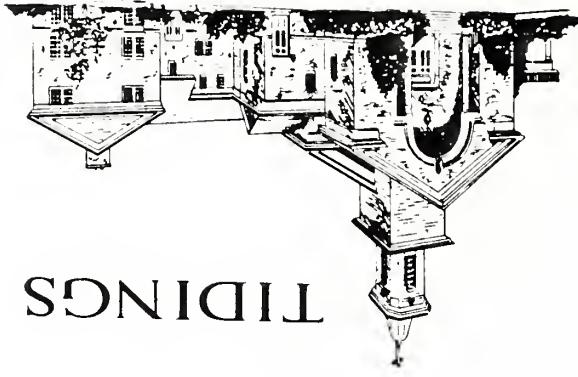
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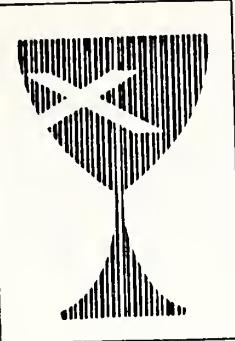
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# First Christian Church

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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLIII March 5, 1986 No. 9

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INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS TO ALL OF THESE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES!

## LENTE N DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

The Lenten Devotional Booklets have now all been distributed: either picked up, delivered to you by other members, or mailed to you. If you did not get yours and want one, please contact Miriam Bixenman or any other member of the membership committee. We have 117 signed attendance cards now in, many representing more than one person. A special thanks to those persons who delivered booklets.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR SUGGESTIONS?

When suggestions are placed in the suggestion box they are read and considered. At their meeting each month, the membership committee opens the box, reads the suggestions, and passes them on to the person concerned, often through the Senior Minister, Dick Hamm. Several have been followed: a suggestion that we have more Brotherhood news in our Tidings (we now have); that the Children's Choir sing more often (they did all during Advent and are now practicing for a musical for Palm Sunday); and that the diaconate receive more training (they did last month), to name just a few. Sometimes there is a good reason why a suggestion cannot be put into practice, at least at this time. This, then, is the decision left up to our ministers.

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The Sherwood Pettit Association will meet in fellowship hall this Saturday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m. Welcome neighbors!

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

#### JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The J.Y.F. will be undertaking a clowning ministry to Heritage Manor Nursing Home on Sunday, March 9. J.Y.F.er's will need to bring a sack lunch and their costume with them Sunday morning. Immediately after worship the sack lunches will be eaten in the church kitchen and preparations will be made for our visit to Heritage Manor. We will have refreshments when we return to church. We should be done by 3:15 or 4:00 for those who want to run.

#### WHERE ARE WE FINANCIALLY?

We have pledges and anticipated income almost equal to our total budgeted expense for 1986, but no extra. We are somewhat behind so far in actual giving. We need \$3,879.04 per week, but so far we have received just \$3,441.15 per week.

So, if you are behind in your giving, please do what you can to get caught up. Thank you all for your excellent support of the work of the Church.

GRACE-ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST invites us to join them for their fish/tender-loin fry Saturday, March 8, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adults, \$4.00; Children 6-12, \$2.25.

#### THANK YOU'S

The volunteer painters under the guidance of Laura York have done a marvelous job re-painting the kitchen. We are all grateful!

Dick Vanderwall,  
Property Chairman

The kindness expressed in so many ways was very much appreciated in the celebration of Albert's birth. A special thank you to the circles and individuals for the shower given for me a few weeks ago and the Sarah Circle for their friendship.

Beth Wiltfong

#### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 3-2-86

Mr. Bill Wright, Jennifer, Kari, & Sara Wright, 314 N. Seminole Circle

#### CYF REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Yolanda King, the daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, will be the keynote speaker for this year's CYF Regional Assembly in Indianapolis, April 4-6. The theme will be "For Everything There is a Season". The cost is \$35.00, and the deadline for registration is March 27. To register, contact the church office.

DUE TO THIS WEEK'S RETREAT, there will be no CYF meeting on March 9!

#### JOHN'S JOTTINGS

During his visit to the U.S. Bishop Desmond Tutu preached at the chapel of Duke University in Durham, N.C. Dr. William Willimon, Duke's university pastor, described that experience in an article in "The Christian Century" magazine. In the article, Dr. Willimon reports both the setting and the content of Bishop Tutu's sermon:

"Just as we were singing

When through the deep waters I call to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I shall be with thee thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distree

the doors of the chapel burst open and in swept a little man in a clerical collar and a bright purple shirt. People kept singing as he jogged down the aisle. Then they stood on their chairs, cheering and weeping.

"The little man climbed the steps of the pulpit. We soon discovered that he would not be speaking on apartheid--at least not in any simple or direct way. He took as his text the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The issue for Christians, he told us, is always whether to bow to true or false gods. Taking his cue from Elijah, Tutu gently ridiculed the silly contemporary prophets of Baal who expect their idols to save them. Nations, oppressive regimes and unjust rulers had better take care, because a stooped, poor old woman walking the streets of Soweto has more significance to God than those whom the world calls powerful. "These rulers are going to try to stand against the almighty love of God? Hah!"

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As I headed down I-69 for a meeting at the Regional Office with student ministers seeking certification for ordination, I desperately sought some way to stay conscious during this 2 hour, 14 minute drive which my car does automatically(2 hours, 12 minutes, if I make that one light in front of the State Fair grounds). I absent mindedly flipped on the radio for the 10:00 a.m. news.

Within moments, I was in tears and giving thanks to God. I felt that what the newscaster was telling me had happened (something hoped and prayed for, but something too good to be true in this world) was yet another dramatic evidence of God making his presence real in the midst of an apparently hopeless situation.

What had happened? Marcos has resigned and Aquino had taken over the government of the Philippines.....bloodlessly. The U.S. government had done the right thing, the just thing, and encouraged Marcos to leave.

I knew the hand of God was in this, and I thanked the Lord of all Creation.

I see God's hand in the events of my own life, and that of my parishioners all the time, of course. But this was the most dramatic revelation of the divine will to justice that I had seen for quite a while. It couldn't have come at a better time for me, personally. I'm delighted for our friends in the Philippines, and I'm renewed in my own Spirit.

I hope you saw the hand of God in it, too! Our efforts to bring a measure of justice to the world are not done without God's blessing and participation.

Excuse me, I need to write another letter to Senator Lugar....to say "thanks" to him, too.

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. Pray for Helen Donnell and the Festival Choir which she directs. They are traveling through the midwest witnessing for peace and understanding.

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS CON'T.

"It was a sermon on an ancient story, he said, that uncovers "The real subversiveness of the Christian faith." Faith subverts injustice by convincing that old woman in Soweto that she is a beloved child of a loving and just God. No earthly power can long withstand this assault, proclaimed Tutu, who said that what keeps him going in his times of self-pity or despair is the knowledge that a Catholic nun in California or a Lutheran pastor in Alaska is praying for him by name at the beginning of each day."

John Glosser, Elkhart Central Christian Newsletter

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Division of Overseas Ministries

The founding document of the Division of Overseas Ministries puts it clearly: A central purpose of the Division is to "engage in forms of ministry that invite and prepare persons to receive the new life and relationships offered in Jesus Christ." The Disciples' community in Zaire is baptizing some 15,000 persons a year.

## SERVING MARCH 9

## CHURCH CALENDAR

(USPS 195-840)

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and

Bud Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Bill Johnson and

Merle Grimm

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Lindsay-SW, E.

Conrad-NW, E. Snouffer, M. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. S. Englehart-SW, C.

Falbe-NW, R. Krull-SE, M. Hamm-NE,  
W. Bowen, M. Callahan, S. Callahan,

M. Crouse

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,

J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, H. Nordblom

### GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Don & Vee Parlette

### ACOLYTES

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

W. Westerfield & P. Tobias

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Bixenman - E. Snouffer

S. Hayes - M. Snouffer

L. Johnson - S. Callahan

D. Keebortz - W. Bowen

### EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Melanie Springer & Shirley Callahan

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jason Krull & Jimmy Davis

### LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mary Novachoff

10:45 A.M. Carolyn Falbe

### IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-317 - Mrs. Mary Cook

### PARKVIEW:

261 - Mr. Fred Smell

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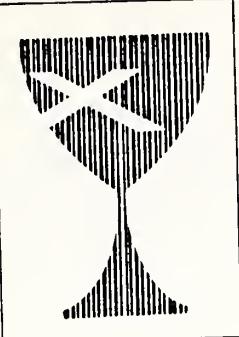
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## A VERY SPECIAL MAUNDY THURSDAY PLANNED

This year our worship committee is planning a very special Maundy Thursday experience for our congregation. Remember, Jesus was a Jew and the Jewish people, then as now, observed Passover. On the last night before his crucifixion, Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples, eating the Seder Meal with them. This year, as we walk through the experiences of that last week with our Lord Jesus, we, too, will eat the Seder meal on Thursday evening, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. The foods will be the typical Jewish foods used to celebrate the Passover, and the meaning of this special feast will be enacted and explained for us as we taste the foods. This will be a time of spiritual, rather than physical filling for each of us. Our C.W.F. will prepare the special foods which each of us will taste and our worship committee is planning the service, with our senior minister, Dr. Richard Hamm, as leader for the evening. This will be a very exciting and spiritually enriching time for our congregation. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

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## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Delmas Young who died last week in Lafayette. Dr. Hamm had services in Fort Wayne and in Bloomington for Delmas. He will be greatly missed.

## CYF/CHI RHO

This week Peggy Boergen from the Three Rivers Neighborhood Health Clinic will speak to us, she is a registered nurse and will bring to us an informed medical and social services background on sexuality.

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-9-86

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Fortenberry, R.R. 2, Rosedale, IN; Mrs. Miller, 433 S. 1st, Apt. 3, Decatur, IN; Dr. Ernest E. Thompson, Indianapolis, IN; Robbie Doan, R.#6, Decatur, IN; Kim Reno & Lindsay, Winchester, IN.

## THANK YOU'S

When my heart decided to go faster than usual, a hospital stay was necessary to slow it down, my stay was made much more pleasant, by the many visits of Dick and Don, and the cards and prayers from all of you. Many thanks with all of your support I am now thankfully at home with restricted activities for awhile.

Fred Smell

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

This Sunday affords an outstanding opportunity for you to do one of your primary "jobs" as a member of First Christian Church - that is, to invite people to church. There could be no better Sunday than this, March 16, when Robert Short will be helping us better understand the Gospel with the help of that little round headed boy (Charlie Brown). I would be delighted to see the sanctuary filled! But it depends on you!

The whole Lenten - Holy Week "line-up" looks great in fact. I do hope you will use this opportunity to invite that friend, new neighbor, relative, co-worker, or whoever.

I sure enjoyed the bells Sunday....nothing else is quite like them. I'm also looking forward to hearing the Celebration Choir kids with their new "Orff" instruments on Palm Sunday.

There's lots of good things happening. I hope you feel God's blessing everyday as we move together toward that glorious Easter morn!

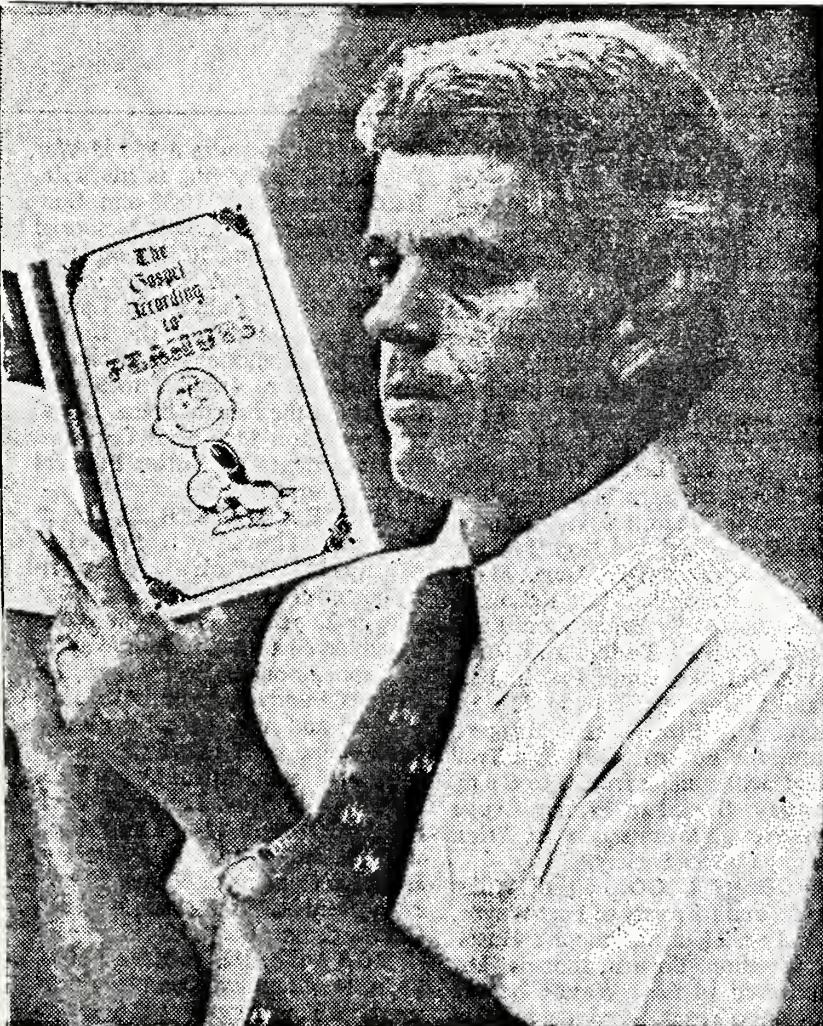
See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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## Gospel through media

Robert L. Short, author of several books that interpret the Gospel through contemporary art and media, will speak March 16 at First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun St. Short will present the sermon at the 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services, using slides, accompanied by sound. At 7 p.m. he will give a presentation on Christ and contemporary cinema. Short's books include "The Gospel According to Peanuts" and "The Gospel From Outer Space."

## The Cross Was His Own

They borrowed a bed to lay His head  
When Christ the Lord came down;  
They borrowed the ass in the mountain  
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For Him to ride to town;  
But the crown that He wore and the cross  
that He bore  
Were His own—  
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd  
He fed  
On the grassy mountain side;  
He borrowed the dish of broken fish  
With which He satisfied;  
But the Crown that He wore and the  
Cross that He bore  
Were His own—  
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed a ship in which to sit  
To teach the multitude;  
He borrowed a nest in which to rest,  
He had never a home so crude;  
But the Crown that He wore and the  
Cross that He bore  
Were His own—  
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on His way to the  
tomb,  
The Passover Lamb to eat;  
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave;  
They borrowed a winding sheet;  
But the Crown that He wore and the  
Cross that He bore  
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Author Unknown

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10:45 A.M. DIACONATE & GREETERS Liz & Wayne Johnson

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10:45 A.M. C. Miller-SW, M. Mullen-NW, J. Ohneck-SE, K. Ohneck-NE, S. Kerley, B. Kerley, E. Klepper, D. Graham

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B. Lehman

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10:45 A.M. Dan & Lenelle Ross

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Lori Lewis & Terri Pfenning

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

John & Kris Ohneck

## IN HOSPITALS

123 - Mr. Ed Hall

8:15 A.M. Gina Mielke

10:45 A.M. Debbie Rinker

## LUTHERAN:

M-317 - Mrs. Mary Cook

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## PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Canned Meats, Hot Cereals, P-Nut

Butter, Powdered Milk

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

2:30 P.M. Youth Groups

4:30 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

7:00 P.M. The Gospel From Outer Space

presented by Robert Short

## MONDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 P.M. Seminar: Paul and His Letters

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

## TUESDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 P.M. Celebration

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at the church

## THURSDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 P.M. Parent's Night Out

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22

9:30 A.M. Sacrificial Breakfast

10:00 A.M. Celebration Rehearsal

## BIRTHDAYS March 21-27

Bill Halbrook (21)

Brenda Kelly (21)

Julia Brita (22)

Christine Dailey (22)

Pearl Heidecker (22)

Tom Baret (22)

Steve Gramm (23)

Terry King (23)

Bob Pawley (23)

Margaret Love (24)

John Glasgow (24)

Rosemary Krull (25)

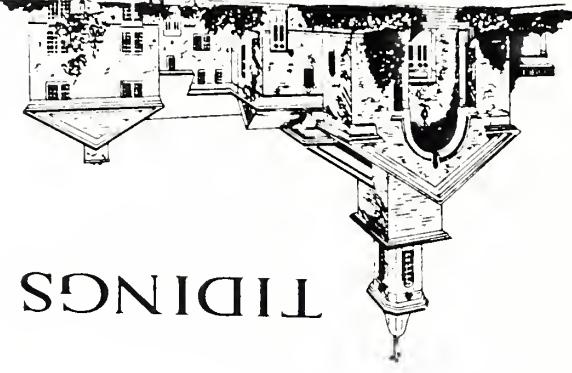
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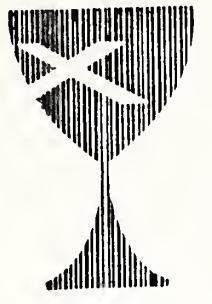
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

John Proegler transferred his membership Sunday to join his wife Brenda, who has been here many years. John & Brenda live at 7814 Amherst 46819. We bid you an official welcome, John!

## ANNOUNCING!

Last Tuesday, March 11, the Board took a bold step forward!

Our present facility was built in 1951....35 years ago. It has served a lot of people since then. The time has come to do what's needed to carry us forward into the 21st Century!

Therefore, the Board has approved a major, farsighted Capital Campaign.

.....imagine a building totally assessable to older adults and the handicapped..... via an elevator which travels from outside ground level to fellowship hall and to the sanctuary!

.....imagine a fellowship hall in which people can comfortably visit and really hear a speaker or program!

.....imagine hallways and classrooms that are warm and inviting in appearance, and evenly heated and cooled!

.....imagine an organ with new ranks of pipes for a fuller, richer sound!

.....imagine a 15 passenger van that will make Sunday morning pick-ups and provide for the needs of our seniors and youth!

.....imagine expanded and cheery restroom facilities!

.....imagine a modern church kitchen and an efficient and attractive office area!

.....imagine one fourth of the funds contributed going to capital outreach projects: Barbee Conference Center, Emily Flinn Home, New Church!

These are just some of the possibilities provided for in this Capital undertaking.

The total approved goal of the campaign is \$355,800.00. You'll be hearing much more about this as we approach the climax of our efforts Sunday, April 27. In the meantime, please keep this effort and the Church in your prayers!

## WE NEED A LIFT!

The Campaign Committee,

Ralph Church

Curt Miller

Mildred Hartman

Phyllis Fitch

Dick Vanderwall

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Saturday, March 22

Sacrificial Breakfast - 9:30 a.m.

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LITURGICAL ARTS IN WORSHIP - THE CELEBRATION

presents

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics

by Hal Hopson

Pharaoh - Steve Mullen  
Moses - Jimmie Davis  
Miriam - Lindsay Miller

Ben - Josh Lytle  
Rachel - Alisha Stover  
Aaron - Bryce Stover

a cast of slaves

and four very special frogs

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 23, 10:45 a.m.

This musical drama for young voices tells the story of the escape from Egypt of the Hebrews who had been made slaves, led by Moses. It was for the anniversary celebration of this event in the history of the Jewish people, that Jesus went to Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday. He was to celebrate the Passover with His Disciples, which He did in sadness, anticipating his own death.

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED

Coffee Hour is an important fellowship evangelism event every week at First Christian Church. We need people to take this responsibility. If you are willing to serve in this way once in a while, please sign up in fellowship hall.

Our thanks to Edna Nordblom who has served as coordinator of this program for a long time!

THANK YOU

An appreciative thank you to Dick & Don for their personal calls, and also, a big thank you to those who made calls and sent cards. Cecil Rice

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Has it been a long time since you were in worship? If so, then you are once again facing the issue of whether or not to come to worship on Easter Sunday. On the one hand, you want to come and celebrate Christ on this most beautiful Sunday of the year. On the other hand, you're embarrassed about being an "Easter only" person and afraid someone will give you a hard time about it.

Phooey! Come to worship! This is as good a time as any to get started back to church. I can promise you that you'll here no guff from Don or me! How long has it been? Years? Maybe you've not even been here during the four years I've been here. So what? This is a great time to come home!

I really appreciated Robert Short's approach last Sunday, and from comments I received, many found it refreshing. This Sunday will be very special too with the children's "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics" an integral part of the 10:45 a.m. service, and a period of guided prayer in 8:15 a.m. service.

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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CHORAL VESPERS

Our Chancel Choir will join West Creighton's Angelos Choir for a choral concert of favorite anthems on this Sunday, March 23, at 4:00 p.m. at West Creighton. Each choir will sing three of its repertoire, and together the choirs will sing 6 anthems.

An offering will be received to cover the expenses of the program. Child care will be available from 3:00 p.m. A Reception will follow.

This is the first time the Chancel Choir has ventured away from "home" to sing in such a concert in quite a long time. Church musicians of considerable experience always advise that this is very good for the morale and spirit of the group. Besides that, it's fun, especially with friends within the denomination!

Please come and enjoy a beautiful Lenten afternoon.

A VERY SPECIAL MAUNDY THURSDAY PLANNED

This year our worship committee is planning a very special Maundy Thursday experience for our congregation. Remember, Jesus was a Jew and the Jewish people, then as now, observed Passover. On the last night before his crucifixion, Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples, eating the Seder Meal with them. This year, as we walk through the experiences of that last week with our Lord Jesus, we, too, will eat the Seder meal on Thursday evening, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. The foods will be the typical Jewish foods used to celebrate the Passover, and the meaning of this special feast will be enacted and explained for us as we taste the foods. This will be a time of spiritual, rather than physical filling for each of us. Our C.W.F. will prepare the special foods which each of us will taste and our worship committee is planning the service, with our senior minister, Dr. Richard Hamm, as leader for the evening. This will be a very exciting and spiritually enriching time for our congregation. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-16-86

Mrs. Kenneth Stewart, R.R. #4, Box 203, Union City, IN; Josh McKeeman, 5010 North Bend Drive; Robert Mossburg, 2021 Drexel Avenue; Miss Robin Lovelace, Box 442, Eureka, ILL.

CYF/CHI RHO

On Saturday, March 29, at 1:30 p.m., we will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt. One for preschoolers and one for older children.

**UP CLOSE:** Jack E. Welcker, principal of South Side High School, was named 1986 Administrator of the Year by the Indiana Association of Educational Secretaries and is Indiana's nominee for a national award. He will receive the state award April 21 at a conference in Bloomington.

SERVING MARCH 23

ELDERS      Janet & Jack Weicker

8:15 A.M.      Sam Hayes and  
10:45 A.M.      Chip Olson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M.      B. Grimm-SW, J. Kelly-NW  
 E. Conrad, M. Hutchinson  
10:45 A.M.      R. Stover-SW, L. Stover-  
 NW, B. Wiltfong-SE, P. Tobias-NE, K.  
 Tobias, D. Graham, D. Parlette, S.  
 Smith

USHERS

8:15 A.M.      D. Smith, E. Snouffer,  
 D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M.      H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, K. Tobias, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.      Delores Keebortz  
10:45 A.M.      Max & Debbie Knudsen

ACOLYTES

Matt Busse & Joshua Lytle  
 HOMEBOUND COMMUNION  
 W. Johnson - B. Grimm  
 B. Ludwig - K. Ohneck  
 P. Mullen - M. Hutchinson  
 M. Hartman - M. Callahan

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Callahans' & E. Conrad  
 NO EXTENDED SESSION  
 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M.      Lori Lewis  
10:45 A.M.      Dwain Graham

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:  
 504 - Mrs. Emma Scheell  
 PARKVIEW:  
 225 - Mr. Bill Lehman  
 533 - Mrs. Florence Hagar  
 NORTH COMMUNITY, INDIANAPOLIS  
 Mrs. Gwynth Rice

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

8:15 A.M.      First Worship

9:30 A.M.      Church School

10:45 A.M.      Second Worship

2:30 P.M.      Youth Groups

6:15 P.M.      Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 24

9:30 A.M.      Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M.      Calling Night

7:00 P.M.      Seminar: Paul and His Letters

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

12:00 NOON D.M.A.

5:00 P.M.      Celebration

6:00 P.M.      Bread For The World

7:00 P.M.      Committee Meetings (Christian Education & Membership will not meet)

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 P.M.      Seder Meal

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

1:30 P.M.      Good Friday Services at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren

3:00 P.M.      Prayer Chain Begins

BIRTHDAYS March 28

Kim Burton (28)

Jim Buchanan (28)

Lelia Arnos (28)

Linda Hendrickson (28)

Maude Donohue (29)

Sylvia Smith (29)

Pam Akers (30)

Connie Wells (30)

Bill Urich (31)

Paul Yentes (1)

Gladys Harsbarger (1)

Tom Knuckles (1)

Marshall Smith (2)

Sylvia Engle (3)

Anna Chasser (3)

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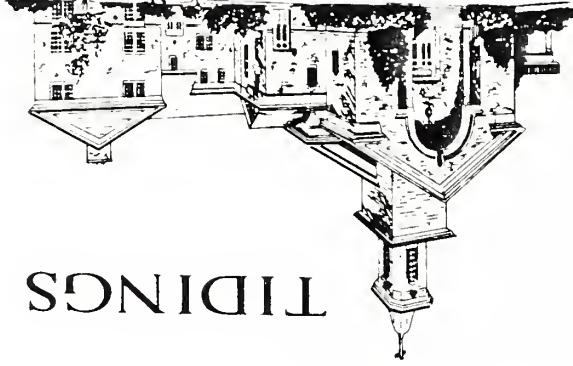
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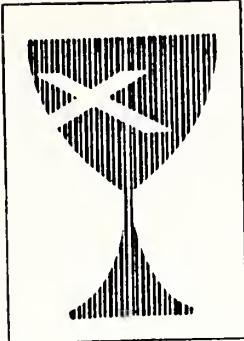
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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLIII March 26, 1986 No. 12

**Thursday, March 27** Maundy Thursday: We will observe this day by recreating a Seder (Passover) meal, which will be just like the meal Jesus celebrated with his disciples at the Last Supper.

**Friday, March 28** Good Friday: Our annual neighborhood service will be at 1:30 p.m. at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren.

**Sunday, March 30** Easter: Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. Breakfast served at 6:45 a.m. Easter Morning Worship at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

## SPECIAL PARENTING FORUM WITH DR. LAWRENCE BALTER

On Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Wayne Center, Dr. Balter will be in town to discuss children and child raising. Sponsored by Parkview Hospital, tickets can be secured at B. Dalton Bookstore for \$7.50, or at the door for \$8.50. Dr. Balter is a widely recognized child psychologist. This is worth your time.

## SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

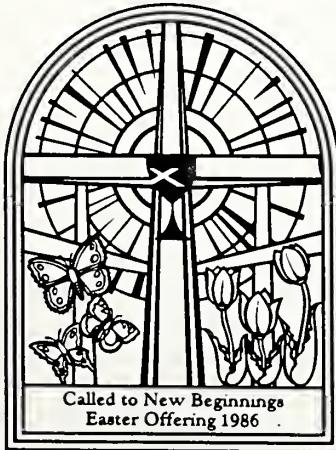
A glorious time Easter! We will end our prayer chain at 6:00 a.m. Easter morning. At 6:00 a.m. we will have a brief but meaningful Sunrise Service followed at 6:45 by a Sunrise Breakfast. It is a wonderful time for good fellowship with our Christian family, and we invite one and all to join us for both the Sunrise Service and Breakfast.

## PRAYER CHAIN

This year we again will have a continuous prayer chain. Beginning at 3:00 p.m. Good Friday until 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning. We encourage you to sign up for one of the one hour time slots. The poster will be on display at the church. Security guards will be there during the hours of darkness.

## "LILIES TO LOAN"

If you will have an Easter Lily that you would be willing to loan the church for decorating the chancel for Easter Sunday, please call the church office. You may also donate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one. Lilies may be picked up after the second worship service.



Easter calls us to New Beginnings in Christ and unfolds for us new levels of commitment as stewards of the gospel. Our Easter offerings gives us an opportunity to minister to others in Christ's name. Won't you make your gift a generous one so others may have a New Beginning too?

#### HOW WOULD YOU SCORE?

We heard of a man who, in an attempt to find out what other churches were really like, visited 18 different churches on consecutive Sundays.

He always sat near the front of each sanctuary. After worship he would walk slowly to the rear, then return to the front, and back to the rear again, using another aisle. He was neatly dressed and smiled pleasantly at other worshippers. He would make it a point to initiate a conversation with at least one other person and would remain for coffee, if served.

He used the following scale to rate his reception:

- 10 - for a smile from a worshipper.
- 10 - for a greeting from someone sitting nearby.
- 100 - for an exchange of names.
- 200 - for an invitation to return.
- 1000 - for an introduction to another worshipper.
- 2000 - for each invitation to meet the minister.

On this scale, 11 of the 19 churches earned fewer than 100 points and 5 of them actually received less than 20. His conclusion:

"The doctrine may be Biblical, the singing inspirational, the sermon uplifting; but when visitors find nobody cares if they're there, they are unlikely to return."

A preacher brought a message on "Recognizing our Friends in Heaven." The next Sunday he received this note: "Your sermon on recognizing our friends in heaven was inspiring but won't you preach on recognizing our friends on earth? I have attended this church for six months and no one has recognized me."

-Copied

Word from Bill and Linda Weeks Watson: former Indiana pastors now serving as overseas workers in the Kingdom of Swaziland, a backward, isolated nation:

"Our ministry is basically a ministry of presence. We are to live with the people as a witness that God cares about them no matter who they may be, or how poor, or how under-developed, or if they were Christian or not...whatever we have accomplished has been a work of the Holy Spirit in an answering of prayers of those who know about our mission.. ministry of presence requires the willingness just to be there for people...the willingness to try and learn how to listen when no one else will; the willingness to be vulnerable; the willingness to be open to the spirit. What makes the ministry of presence so difficult is our own Calvinistic background that stresses a work ethic and that produces goals and objectives. When there are no goals and objectives, one can feel guilty."

"Bill finally got the Ministry of Agriculture to come and take a population survey of the nearby lake, and they have promised to stock it with good edible fish. He is working with the Ministry of Health on some basic education on sanitation and the need for latrines...One problem associated with such a program is local tradition, which says that fathers-in-law and daughters-in law are not allowed to use the same area for their toilet, yet it is too costly for most homesteads to build more than one latrine...Linda taught two sewing classes with a total of 35 women. They use two hand-cranked sewing machines loaned through the Council of Swaziland Churches...In spite of handicaps such as the language barrier and the shortage of machines, the women have produced some very attractive and practical clothing for their children."

(Note: remember Bill and Linda and God's children in Swaziland in your private and public prayers. They represent our hands and faith extended in that community.)

#### LILY DONATIONS

*Jessie Fern & Grant Woodward, in memory of Linda Kirtley, Daughter;  
The Lytle Family, in memory of Loire White, Grandmother;  
Miriam Bixenman & Peggy Buskirk;*

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I can't remember a Lenten season during which I have grown so much spiritually and emotionally. At times, I have been on the mountaintop, at times in pain. But that's the way growth happens, it seems. Someone said, "Whenever you learn something, it always seems at first as though you have lost something." That's true, and one simply has to "hang in there" till the new replaces the hole left by the loss of the old. Fortunately, our Sunday evening prayer service has served as an anchor for me as I have weathered this "storm" of growth.

I hope Lent has been truly rewarding for you as well. We are now drawing nigh unto Jerusalem.....to the Garden, the Cross, the Tomb, and the Resurrection. May God bless you and me this week with a sense of wonder, awe, praise, and thanksgiving.

Needless to say (but I'll say it anyway, as preachers are want to do), this is the Sunday of Sundays to invite someone to worship. Come prepared to experience the joy of faith and the hope of the resurrection!

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED

Coffee Hour is an important fellowship evangelism event every week at First Christian Church. We need people to take this responsibility. If you are willing to serve in this way once in a while, please sign up in fellowship hall.

Now that spring is making itself known and we are all realizing that, no, we aren't going to be snowed inside for the remainder of our lives, our thoughts have turned to summer. Because vacation plans are being made now, we want you to know about a couple of events on the church calendar.

All Church Camp-out - June 13, 14, and 15 at Chain O'Lakes Campground. We will be reserving several campsites for tents, trailers, and R.V.'s. If you want us to reserve you a place, call the church office.

The All Church Picnic will cap off the camp-out weekend on the afternoon of June 15, also at Chain O'Lakes. If you have never been there, Chain O'Lakes has a beach, boat rental, trails galore, fishing - and that day it will have your friends from First Christian!

Vacation Bible School will be in August this year, on the week of August 11 to 15. It is too early to give details of the program, but it promises to be an exciting week!

In addition there are several camp opportunities for kids from 5th through 12 grades.

- For those entering 5th and 6th grades, the dates are June 16 to 21, and July 7 to 12.
- For those entering 7th and 8th grades, June 23 to 28 and July 21 to 26 (our own Gene Lantz is directing this week!).
- And for those entering the 9th through the 12th grades, July 13 to 19 and July 27 to August 2.
- There are also specialty camps available; sports camp for middle school and high school, June 30 to July 5, and a Music, Art, and Drama Camp, July 27 to August 2.

All of these camps are at Camp Barbee in North Webster, Indiana, except for the Music, Art, and Drama camp.

Have a good summer - include a church activity in your plans!

*- Dan*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

SERVING MARCH 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Gene Klepper and Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, M. Snouffer-NW, J. Lindsay, E. Conrad

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-SW, S. Callahan-NW, M. Callahan-SE, W. Bowen-NE, M. Hamm, J. Wagoner, D. Graham, S. Englehart

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, B. Devinney

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, K. Taylor

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Betty & Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Curt & Deb Miller

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Andrew Akers & Randy Hendrickson

Callahans' & E. Conrad

NO EXTENDED SESSION

COUNTERS FOR APRIL

Jim Stucky & George Davis

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller

## SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Sunrise Service

6:00 A.M. Sunrise Service

6:45 A.M. Sunrise Breakfast

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

## MONDAY, MARCH 31

Calling Night

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

## THURSDAY, APRIL 3

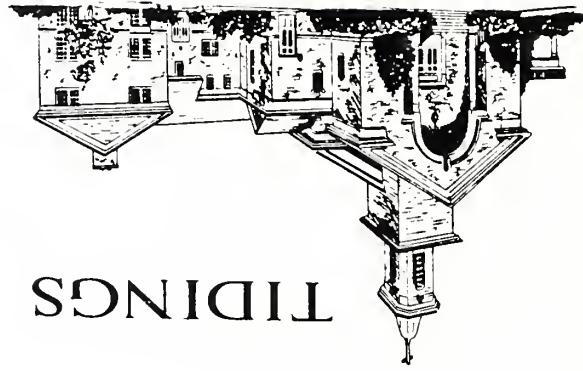
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9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Reba Fusselman's,

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7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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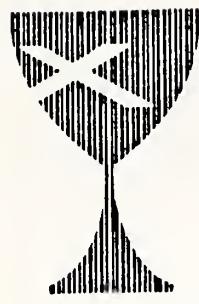
AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-23-86

Stacey French, 3618 Iowa Court; Richard Baker, 2720 Fairbrook Court; Ruth Rinker, 6234 St. Joe Road; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Milton, 6922 Omaha Court; Mike Zurcher, 7611 Aboite Center Road.

## IN HOSPITALS

**LUTHERAN:**  
CCU - Mrs. Margaret Snouffer

**FOOD/BANK NEEDS:**  
P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Powdered Milk, Canned Meats, Noodles



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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLIII April 2, 1986 No. 13

## OUR NEIGHBORS VIEWS & WAYS

In the fall, we visited the Temple Achduth Vesholom. In January, we visited St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church. On Sunday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., our Jewish and Catholic friends will be visiting us. This is another excellent opportunity for our three congregations to become better informed about our individual traditions. Plan to come and enter into this time of serious learning and lighthearted fellowship. You'll probably learn something about your own church in the process!

## "SHARE THE CARE DAY"

The first "Share the Care" day will be Saturday, April 12. "VOLUNTEERS" bring your rakes, gloves, pruning knives, etc. to shape up the church grounds. We need 50 people!

## 1985 NBA IN INDIANA

A report to pastors in Indiana  
NBA Services, Sally Warmack  
Director of Development

Indiana NBA Services is the Development Office for Flinn Memorial Home and Kennedy Living Center on behalf of the National Benevolent Association, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

	FLINN	KENNEDY
Persons served directly	179	110
Persons served through Outreach	160	150
Residents/patients who belong to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	75	41
Different denominations represented by residents/patients	10	11
Average Age	86 yrs.	86 yrs.
Average costs of care		
Residential care (single)	\$23.00/day	\$24.40/day
Residential care (double)	\$40.00/day	\$47.25/day
	Residential Nursing	Residential Nursing Apartments



International Christian Women's Fellowship

Some 5,000 women will meet at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, June 23-27, 1986, to witness and worship. The Eighth Christian Women's Fellowship Quadrennial Assembly will center on the theme "Because we bear the Name..." Each member of CWF is invited to become a part of this inspirational gathering. Be sure you have made your reservation.



Through your support of Basic Mission Finance, the Division of Overseas Ministries is able to work with its partner churches around the world to preach, to teach, to heal, to empower. More than 100 overseas staff and countless indigenous church leaders witness to the gospel because of your gifts.

#### COMMITTEES OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEED YOUR HELP!

Have you ever wanted to be on a functional committee of the church but were never asked? The Lay Personnel Committee is presently securing people for chairpersons of these committees for the year 1986-87. In a few weeks, they will be meeting with all committee chairpersons to decide on people to be on various committees. Now is your chance -- there are sign up posters in Fellowship Hall for each committee, with the names of chairpersons (if available) listed.

The committees are: Worship, Outreach & Service, Evangelism, Membership, Christian Education, Stewardship, and Property.

We need everyone's help, not just a few!

#### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED

Coffee Hour is an important fellowship evangelism event every week at First Christian Church. We need people to take this responsibility. If you are willing to serve in this way once in a while, please sign up in fellowship hall.

#### CHANCEL CHOIR!

Many thanks to those of you who were there Saturday afternoon for the practice and again on Sunday afternoon for the Vespers. The invitation to sing at West Creighton was a lovely one, and your response was appreciated by the congregations. There were many compliments on the music and on the whole service. Thank you all. It is good for choirs to sing together -- like the morning stars!

#### ABOUT MOSES AND THE FREEDOM FANATICS -

the morning after, from one of the directors!

I can't speak for Nancy Smith because each of us was incoherent last Sunday with love and joy. But I tell you the truth, kids -- my feet haven't been anywhere close to the ground since. On a three mile walk this morning part of my prayers was for the touching of the ground. No answer. There is no earth. Everything is ethereal.

Bear hugs to each of you -- not entirely because you listened, absorbed, concentrated, performed terrifically but because you unconsciously brought to us all your own spirits, yourselves. We are richer because of it. Thank you!

To our unsung heroes - the accompanists - thank you. I never cease to be amazed, and very appreciative, when I ask for that kind of time and effort, and it appears - without confusion, doubt, distraction - just there - supportive, responsive, beautifully played. Part of the reason the children sang so well was because of all you generously gave to them.

And to all the moms and dads who helped, and whose excitement and pleasure the kids caught, thank you. Every banana, every cookie, every tape, every camera, every bug, helped!

Especially thank you to Laura York who understood, and who created Moses and Pharaoh and slaves and frogs out of children! Wonderful!

We look forward to a couple weeks rest and re-fueling, and then to gathering again April 8 with plans and preparation (and fun) for May 11, Family Sunday.

Helen

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I have now been with you four years (as of April 1)! In a way, that's hard to believe. It seems like forever, it seems like no time. There are certain natural watersheds in ministry; we have arrived at one of these, I think.

Over these four years, this congregation has stabilized and revitalized. We are quite healthy as a church. The honeymoon between you and me is over (we have discovered each others' strengths and weaknesses; you know my imperfections and humaness) and yet we have decided to stay married. In fact, speaking for myself, I'm eager to continue here at First Christian Church!

But our life together needs fresh directions and goals. Therefore, in worship on Palm Sunday, a questionnaire was distributed in worship and we sought to take a reading of where the congregation wants to head. Over the next several weeks, I'll be sharing the results of this with you, and your input will be fed into the planning process for next year.

There are so many signs of renewal and growth at First Christian that I give thanks everyday that I'm here to be a part of it! I hope you feel the same.

See you Sunday.

Love,

P.S. What a beautiful day yesterday was! Thanks to all our excellent musicians and the worship committee!

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Singles!

Our singles group has chosen a name for itself: the "Christian Connection". Plans have been developed for programs through December, and topics include: knowing yourself through T.A., legal aspects of a single buying property, financial planning for singles, being single in a couples world, health and fitness. Of course there's great fellowship, too.

Plan to come and bring a friend to our next session Sunday, April 20, 7p.m., at Deb Stamm's, 5108-4 Truemper Way. (To get to Deb's enter Canterbury at the main entrance, take the first real street (Truemper) to the right. Turn right at the first "turn-in" and the apartment is on your left.) Dick Hamm will make an initial presentation on "Knowing Yourself".

If you would like to be on the Christian Connection's mailing list, call the church office at 744-3239.

ALLCHURCH CAMP-OUT JUNE 13-15

We need to hear from you no later than Sunday, April 13, if you wish to take part in our all church camp out at Chain-O-Lakes June 13-15. We need a number in order to reserve sites together now before they are all booked! Call the office to RSVP, 744-3239.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Our next night out will be Friday, April 18. We will at 6:30 p.m. at the Falbe's for pizza and a game night. Bring your appetite and your favorite game! All parents welcome (including single parents and parents whose spouse is not able to come that evening). Call the church 744-3239 to RSVP.

YOUTH GROUPS RESUME AT 2:30 P.M. SUNDAY

Thanks

Thanks to Dick and Don and all of you who visited me, your prayers, cards, and concern were much appreciated, while I was in the hospital recently.

Mary Cook

## SERVING APRIL 6

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### ELDERS

3:15 A.M. Bill Crouse and Mildred Hartman Rolland Ripple and Bert Leversee

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

3:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, M. Novachoff-NW, G. Brown, E. Conrad 0:45 A.M. R. Krull-SW, C. Miller-W, S. Kerley-SE, B. Kerley-NE, E. Lepper, J. Ohneck, K. Ohneck, I. Mullen

### USHERS

1:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, Myers

### ACOLYTES

0:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, H. Nordblom, J. Jones

### GREETERS

1:15 A.M. Mary Wilhelm 0:45 A.M. Opal Carper

### EXTENDED SESSION

Sherry Lytle & Sam Hayes COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

### LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

1:15 A.M. Judy Church 0:45 A.M. Ray Stover

### IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

4 60 - Barb Richardson

FOOD/BANK NEEDS:  
P-Nut Butter, Jelly, powdered  
milk/

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

### CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:15 A.M. First Worship 9:30 A.M. Church School 10:45 A.M. Second Worship 2:30 P.M. Youth Group 6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

### MONDAY APRIL 7

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group 7:00 P.M. Calling Night TUESDAY APRIL 8

9:45 A.M. Rebecca Group-at church

12:45 Rachael Group

5:00 P.M. Celebration

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY APRIL 10

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY APRIL 12

Share the Care Day

### BIRTHDAYS April 11-17

Becky Glascow (12) Diane Friemuth (16)  
Bud O'Laughlin (13) Richard Jackson (16)  
Phyllis Tobias (13) Aimie Pratt (16)  
John Merrill Jr. (13) Lillian Busse (17)  
Fern Strole (14) Nick Keirn (17)  
Golden Rose (14) Ed Woolridge (17)  
Kathryn Cullen (14)  
Ruth Yost (15)

### AMONG OUR VISITORS:

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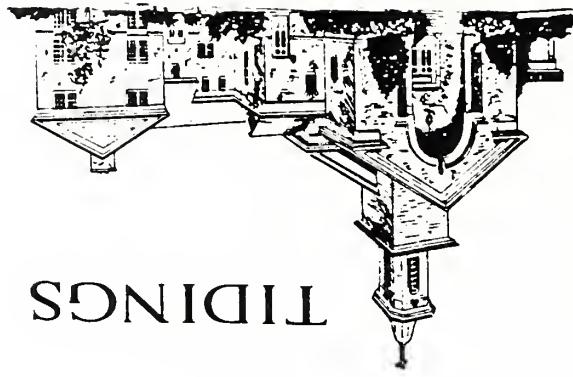
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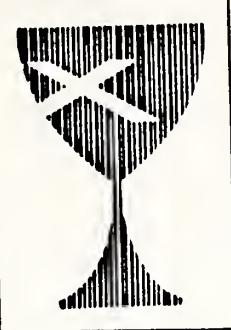
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## MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday Morning Study Group has just began an in depth study of the Gospel according to John at its meeting on Monday, April 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Anyone who is not now a member, but who would be interested in this study is invited to join the group. The book they will use, Volume I of the Gospel According to John from William Barclay's "Daily Study Bible" series may be purchased at any religious bookstore. We will meet again on April 21. The assignment will be the general section of John 1:1-18 and the more explicit sections on verses 1-3.

## CWF SPRING THING

Our C.W.F. will sponsor an evening for all women and girls at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16. This will be a soup, salad, and dessert meal. Soup and beverages will be provided at the church and each woman is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. Sharon Hancock, from Hearts & Flowers, will bring our program with "Visits from Bible Characters". Janet Weicker will lead group singing with Vee Parlette at the piano. Please sign up at church next Sunday or phone the church office or Peggy Buskirk (745-3365) if you can attend.

## BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday this year is April 13. Good, clean, used blankets may be deposited in the box at the south door of the church or donations (in any amount) toward the purchase of blankets may be made in the special envelopes at both worship services that day. Cost of a blanket is \$5.00, but donations in any amount will be gratefully received. Make checks payable to First Christian Church and mark "blankets". These blankets (or money) is then sent to Church World Service to send blankets wherever there is need. Remember, a blanket provides not only warmth, but often shelter in times of disaster.

## OUR NEIGHBORS VIEWS & WAYS

In the fall, we visited the Temple Achduth Vesholom. In January, we visited St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church. On Sunday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., our Jewish and Catholic friends will be visiting us. This is another excellent opportunity for our three congregations to become better informed about our individual traditions. Plan to come and enter into this time of serious learning and lighthearted fellowship. You'll probably learn something about your own church in the process!

## "SHARE THE CARE DAY"

The first "Share the Care" day will be Saturday, April 12. "VOLUNTEERS" bring your rakes, gloves, pruning knives, etc. to shape up the church grounds. We need 50 people!

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY, APRIL 18 (TIME CORRECTION)

We will meet at Falbes' at 7:30 p.m. (not 6:30 p.m.) for pizza and game night. Bring your appetite and your favorite game! All parents welcome (including single parents and parents whose spouse is not able to come that evening). Call the church at 744-3239 to RSVP.

## ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT JUNE 13-15 - LAST CALL!

We need to hear from you no later than Sunday, April 13, if you wish to take part in our all church camp-out at Chain-O-Lakes June 13-15. We need a number in order to reserve sites together now before they are all booked! Call the office to RSVP, 744-3239.

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DISPLAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

This Sunday we will have an opportunity to see a display in Fellowship Hall to help us understand what The Capital Campaign is about. Stop by and have a look!

#### CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION

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#### CYF

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#### SYMPATHY

Our prayers go with Bev Hendricks and her family in the death of her father last week in Auburn.

#### THANK YOU

I wish to thank Dr. Hamm and Rev. Wilthong for their many visits and prayers while I was in Parkview, Regency Place, and now at home. I enjoyed the Carolers at Christmas and many thanks for all of the nice cards, prayers, and get well wishes from my friends at First Christian. I am improving every day and hope to soon be back at church.

I also appreciate very much the Homebound Communion.

Yours in Christian Love,  
Fern Kenline

#### A THANK YOU LETTER FROM ASSOCIATED CHURCHES TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH REGARDING FOOD BANK:

Thank you for caring and sharing. Your gift helps to sustain a mission we hardly dreamed would have happened when we began. Your gift is a vital part of this remarkable mission of helping the unemployed and poor with their emergency food needs.

In five years the twenty-four food banks have given over a million and a quarter dollars worth of commodities. All of this has been donated by people in the community except for a small government grant two years ago. I believe when people know a true need exists and the system meeting it is accountable, they will respond. You can be sure this is true with the Emergency Food Bank System.

Our task is not over. There are many families who need assistance. We are trying to respond to what the public sector and the government are not doing, so your continued gifts are very much appreciated. We feel a real imperative to "feed the hungry" and will respond to the Biblical command.

Melvin R. Phillips  
Executive Minister  
Associated Churches

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, our Capital Campaign is underway! The balloons added a real festive atmosphere to worship, don't you think?! This Sunday there will be a display in fellowship hall for you to stop by and see. "Thank you" to our hard working committee.

I'm preaching on I Corinthians 13 this Sunday (the "Love chapter"). I've received some new insight about this passage and I'm eager to share it with you.

I was in Manhattan for a day last week. I visited Riverside Church (where Harry Emerson Fosdick preached), St. John the Divine Cathedral (which has the loveliest stained glass window this preacher has ever seen), and St. Pat's Cathedral. In the midst of the very worldly, bustling atmosphere of this "Big Apple", here were these moving witnesses to the Transcendent.

Buildings are costly to build and to maintain. But beautiful church buildings are more than mere brick and mortar. Each has its own story to tell, and each is a silent but effective witness to the faith of the people who worship within its walls. Our building is one of the most beautiful in Fort Wayne, and so is our congregation!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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COMMITTEES OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEED YOUR HELP!

Have you ever wanted to be on a functional committee of the church but were never asked? The Lay Personnel Committee is presently securing people for chairpersons of these committees for the year 1986-87. In a few weeks, they will be meeting with all committee chairpersons to decide on people to be on various committees. Now is your chance -- there are sign up posters in Fellowship Hall for each committee, with the names of chairpersons (if available) listed.

The committees are: Worship, Outreach & Service, Evangelism, Membership, Christian Education, Stewardship, and Property.

We need everyone's help, not just a few!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 4-6-86

Angela and David Collier, Owensville, OH; Brooke and Erika Graham, Roanoke, IN; Joan Ellis, 13218 Timbercrest Trail; and Tom, Peggy and Clara Wells, 5221 Holton Avenue.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 3-30-86

Jack Roush, Jr., 7414 Old Trail Road; Todd Wamback, 5617 Cloverbrook Drive; Ron Sheets, 3411 Thames Drive; Patrick Hieley, 618 W. Creighton Avenue.

## SERVING APRIL 13

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 13

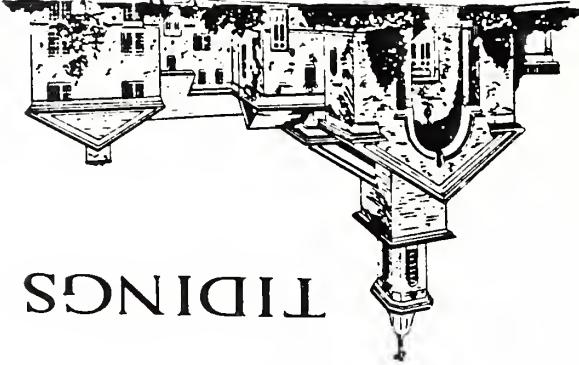
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<b>8:15 A.M.</b>	Laura York and Mark Snyder	ELDERS
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	Pat Mullen and Bill Franklin	
<b>8:15 A.M.</b>	M. Hutchinson-SW, E. Conrad-NW, B. Grimm, J. Kelly	DIACONATE & GREETERS
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	D. Graham-SW, S. Smith-NW, B. Wiltfong-SE, R.	
<b>8:15 A.M.</b>	R. Krull-NE, R. Stover, D. Parlette, P. Tobias, K. Tobias	USHERS
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	D. Smith, E. Snouffer, B. Lehman	
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, K. Tobias, E. Kreischer	GREETERS
<b>8:15 A.M.</b>	Bill & Myrtle Devinney	
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	Sam & Nancy Smith ACOLYTES	
<b>8:15 A.M.</b>	Carla Slick & Lindsay Miller	COMMUNION PREPARATION
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	Kerleys' & K. Tobias	EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS
<b>8:15 A.M.</b>	Melanie Springer & Shirley Callahan	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	Mike & Pat Mullen	LAY WORSHIP LEADERS
<b>8:15 A.M.</b>	Pat Mullen	
<b>10:45 A.M.</b>	Eileen Klepfer	

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LUTHERAN:	
474 - Barbara Richardson	
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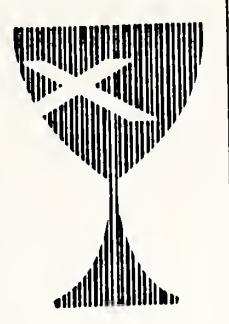
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P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Powdered Milk,	
Canned Meats	

### BIRTHDAYS April 18-24

Iva Imbody (19)	
David Moody (19)	
Arlene Downes (20)	
Robby Pauley (20)	
Myra Steigerwald (20)	
Julia Hendricks (21)	Larry Strickland (22)
Gail Roe (21)	Joe Snouffer (23)
Karen Zimmerman (21)	Patrice Stucker (23)
Opal Carper (21)	Becca Olson (23)
Sherril Melchi (22)	Richard Mey (23)
Dean Howard (22)	Grady Vandewall (24)
	Dorothy Hanton (20)

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Donna Byers, 4007 S. Calhoun Street 46807, 456-3289, united with First by transfer this Sunday. Donna has participated for many years and we're delighted that she has chosen to become "officially" committed! Welcome Donna!

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## CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION

This Sunday, April 20, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary to briefly consider the following slate of officers for 86-87: SECRETARY - Sandy Zimmerman; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHAIRWOMAN - Nancy Smith; EVANGELISM COMMITTEE - Pat Mullen; LAY PERSONNEL - Mildred Hartman; OUTREACH - Jerry Zimmerman; WORSHIP - Laura York; PERSONNEL - John Kelly, BOARD OF DIACONATE - Eunice Conrad; MEMBERSHIP - Kris Ohneck; REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: ELDER - Janet Weicker; ELDER - Bill Johnson; DEACON - Mike Mullen; DEACON - Wes Westerfield; DEACONESS - Mildred Hutchinson; DEACONESS - Mindy Hamm; CONGREGATION AT LARGE - Jack Lindsay; CONGREGATION AT LARGE - Terri Pfenning; ELDERS: Jack Weicker, Eileen Klepfer, and Don Parlette; DIACONATE: Carolyn Falbe, Mildred Hutchinson, Jack Lindsay, Mary Novachcoff, Kris Ohneck, Sam Smith, Dick Mey, Ted Pfenning, Bobbie Lindsay, Sandy Zimmerman, Debbie Knudsen, Gene Lantz, Gina Mielke, and Larry Strickland.

## WE NEED A LIFT!

This Sunday, there will be a brief slide presentation in the fellowship hall playing continuously before and after worship. Stop by and see it. Be sure to mark Sunday, April 27 as the climax of the Campaign.

**We Need a LIFT!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Annual Planning Retreat will be Saturday, June 7, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## CORRECTION FOR TIDINGS REGARDING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be the week of August 18-22.

COMMITTEES MEET TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 7:00 p.m. Outreach & Service will not be meeting.

YOU ARE INVITED!

WHO: All children's and youth Church School and Extended Session teachers and substitutes and their families.

WHAT: Food, fun, and fellowship time.

WHEN: Saturday, April 19, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. (We will eat about 5:30)

WHERE: Foster Park Pavilion by the playground (or the church if it is too cold or wet outdoors.)

PLEASE BRING: A main dish and salad, vegetable or dessert to share; table service; lawn chairs; outdoor games (tennis racquets, balls, horseshoes, etc.) or board games you enjoy.

CALL MINDY (745-4536) if you have any questions. HOPE YOU CAN COME!

RETREAT FOR WOMEN

There will be a retreat at Camp Barbee on April 25 & 26. Contact Kris Ohneck at 447-2833 or Pat Mullen at 745-9154 for more information.

FOR ALL YOUTH

Saturday, 2:00 p.m. is final rehearsal for Youth Sunday. EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE THERE! Not just those with speaking parts, but Everyone! WE NEED YOU! There is something for everyone to do in the service. This is not CYF Sunday but Youth Sunday, so even if you don't come to CYF, come Saturday and be a part of Youth Sunday!

THANK YOU

I want to thank my many friends at First Christian Church for the cards, visits, calls and prayers. They all meant a great deal to me.

I am seeing better as the healing progresses. God Bless You All!

Gwynth Rice

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 4-13-86

Gloria Tinkham, 16809 St. Road 101;  
Jim Can, 742 N. Coliseum Blvd.; U.R., W.K.  
and Vivian Pitman, Luther, MI; Ben Taylor,  
Lexington, KY.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I've decided I'm a "spring person". After the long winter (they seem longer every year, even while the years seem to get shorter.....how can this be?), I feel the sap running in my veins again. I'm filled with hope for the new year, my pastoral energy is back, and I have 23 things I'm eager to preach about! I love it.

I guess most of us try to keep our lives focused in such a way that we feel like its springtime everyday.....afterall, we are "resurrection people". But, then again, like the earth itself, we have to have those winter times of fallowness to balance the springtimes of our spirits, or else we "burn up" and "burn out". Yes, we need those fallow times when new ideas come slowly and when energy is a little low and our spirits are more subdued.

Well, I confess that I enjoy the springtimes of my spirit a whole lot more than the spiritual winters of my life, even though I know they are both important. If you're in a "spring" right now, it feels great, doesn't it? If you're in a "winter" right now, fear not.....it has to be winter sometime in order for there to be a spring.....and a new spring of the spirit will surely be yours soon again. For every entombment, there is a resurrection!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Each year the Indiana state legislators debate the merits and demerits of a State lottery. And each year the pro-lottery group seem to push this particular boulder a few more inches closer to the top of the hill.

It seems a painless way to raise state revenues. No one is forced to buy a ticket, the lucky winners benefit, and the State has raised money without raising taxes.

While many of the folks who buy lottery tickets in other states are simply wasting expendable income on a long shot dream, a large portion of the ticket buying population are the poor, the hopeless investing in hope. One priest in a low income Chicago parish had his people bring in the losing lottery tickets they had purchased. 300 families brought in five thousand dollars worth of tickets!

No, no one forced them to buy the tickets. No, no one can guarantee that the money would have otherwise been wisely spent. Moretheless a state lottery ends up selling false hope to people who can ill afford it. A state lottery is, in my judgement, primarily a means of taxing the poor.

Come on. If the state needs the money, let's find another way to raise it..

*Don*

THANKS TO "SHARE THE CARE" HELPERS:

Laura York, George & Jimmy Davis, Judy Church, Rosemary & Becky Krull, Mildred Hartman, Eileen Klepfer, Mike Mullen, Dick Mey, Walter Bowen, Dick Vanderwall, and ably assisted by our maintenance person, John Perry.

## SERVING APRIL 20

### YOUTH SUNDAY

Service positions will be done by the Youth on this date. The following still plan on serving:

#### ACOLYTES

Aimee Pratt & Tracy Critell

#### COMMUNION PREPARATION

B. Wiltfong & Ohnecks'

#### EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Lori Lewis & Terri Pfennig

#### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

212 - Mrs. Mary Cook

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Congregational Election

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

2:30 P.M. Youth Groups

4:30 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck & Presentation from Fort Wayne Fire

Department

5:00 P.M. Celebration

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Outreach & Service not meeting)

### IN HOSPITALS

#### LUTHERAN:

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Jessie Fern Woodward (28)

Mildred Hutchinson (30)

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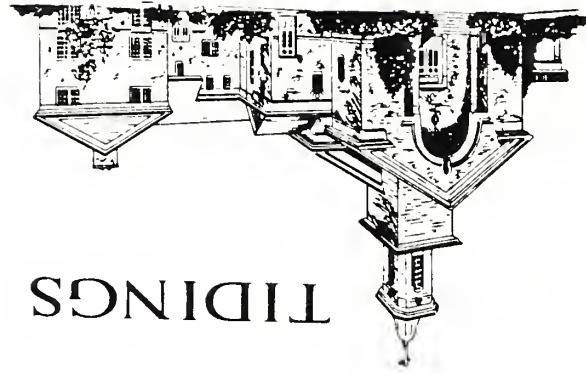
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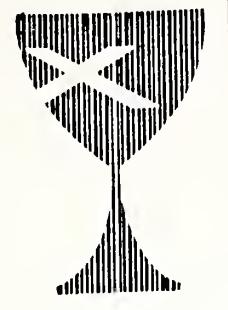
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## SOFTBALL PLAYERS

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## NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NOTE!

There is a special meeting for you Tuesday, April 29, 7:00 p.m., at the church. This will be to select new committee members.

## MAY BRUNCH

The annual May Brunch will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 3. There will be a very special guest speaker, Miss Marjorie Hill, who is one of our missionaries in India. Marjorie is home on furlough and we feel very privileged to have her as our guest. She was born in India, herself the daughter of Missionary parents, and as an adult, has spent her life working with her adopted people. In addition, there will be music, a worship service on installation for our new CWF officers, good food, and fine fellowship. The new officers, elected at the "Spring Thing" include: Bobbie Lindsay, president; Linda Stover, vice-president; and Dorothy Overmyer, secretary-treasurer. The entire church is invited. No charge for the Brunch.

## GARAGE SALE

Our annual garage sale is in fellowship hall on Friday and Saturday, May 16 & 17, Save all clean, useable items. There will also be a bake sale and contributions to this are needed. Bring items for the garage sale to the church anytime and place them on the stage anytime after April 27. There will also be a snack bar open from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday and 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS & HOSTESSES ARE NEEDED - for May & June. Please sign up in fellowship hall.



WHICH ONE MIGHT CONTRIBUTE  
TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

1. By making a three year over-and-above pledge. Pledge cards are available for this purpose.
2. By making a memorial gift. Such gifts will be publicly acknowledged and celebrated. These may be given immediately or pledged over three years (as in number one above).
3. By giving appreciated property (which is liquid) such as stocks and bonds, or paid up insurance policies. This can result in a significant tax saving. For example, by giving appreciated stocks, one avoids capital gains tax and receives a charitable deduction as well. However, one must give the actual stocks so the church can sell them, rather than selling them yourself and giving the proceeds. Check with your tax advisor for details.
4. By lifting the Campaign up in your prayers daily. Even if you are unable to participate financially, you can pray for the church, and this is an important contribution to First Christian.



**A Capital Improvements Project  
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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 4-20-86

Julie Rieke, 6636 Quail Ridge; Lynn Padly, 9636 Crystal Springs; Tom Moherg, 9713 Saratoga Rd.; W.R. Benz, 324 S. Cornell Circle; Dennis Winters, 133 W. Fleming; Dick & Cecilia Henry, R.R. 1, Box 14, Pine Village, IN; Mrs. Marjorie Cox, 900 E. Greenhaus Drive, Syracuse, IN; Ed Allen, 6213 E. 10th, Wichita, KS.

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I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and visits during my confinement with a broken ankle. A special thanks to Dick and Don, and also Mabel and Grace who saw to it that I had groceries and made it to the doctor.

Deloris Anspach

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I hope all of us (who are able) will be present to participate in whatever way we can in the climax of our "We Need A Lift" Campaign this Sunday, April 27. I think the projects this Campaign will fund are really exciting. Although this is Campaign Sunday, the worship services will not be unusually long. The sermon will be based on a portion of the Sermon On The Mount (Matthew 5:13-16) and will be entitled "LIGHTLY SALTED CHRISTIANS".

The church has been a real beehive of activity the past couple weeks, between church programming and community programming. That's the way it ought to be, I think. Nothing distresses me so as seeing a fine church facility locked up tight with the lights out. Sometimes the comings and goings around here make me feel like I'm working in a supermarket! It's great. Like the old hymn goes, "when cross the crowded ways of life....", that's where the Gospel needs to be heard and seen.

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Youth Sunday was a long time in the works. It was the result of months of study and work and worry. I was very proud of our CYF and Chi Rho kids Sunday. They organized the service and wrote the materials themselves. I want to thank each participant for a job well done, and for a truly worshipful experience, most especially the preachers, Diana Bennett and Sara Mullen and the soloist David Orr. My appreciation also goes to Kris and John Ohneck and Helen Donnell for their support and contribution to the service.

I'm also proud of First Christian as a church which values and encourages youth by giving them such an opportunity for growth and service. By your warm response and support, you show your young people that they are not just the institutional future of our congregation -- they are loved and valued members here and now. Because they are!

Shalom!

*Don*

"Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in." Psalms 24:7

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## SERVING APRIL 27

## church CALENDAR

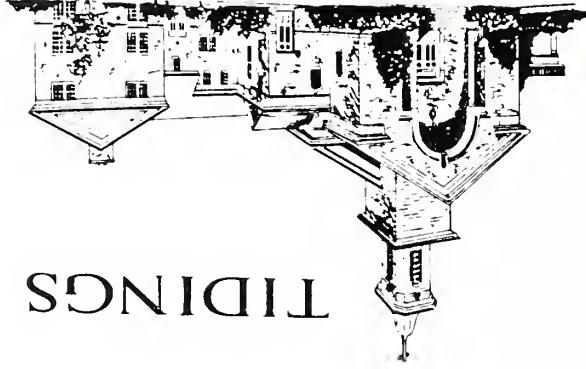
SERVING APRIL 27		SUNDAY, APRIL 27	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Dick Vanderwall and Ralph Church	8:15 A.M.	First Worship
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Wayne Johnson and Janet Weicker	9:30 A.M.	Church School
		10:45 A.M.	Second Worship
	DIACONATE & GREETERS	2:30 P.M.	Youth Groups
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	E. Conrad-SW, G. Brown-NW, M. Novachcoff, J. Young	4:30 P.M.	Junior Youth Fellowship
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	E. Klepfer-SW, J. Oh- neck-NW, K. Ohneck-SE, M. Mullen-NE, B. Kerley, S. Kerley, C. Miller, R. Krull	4:30 P.M.	Bell Choir
	USHERS	6:15 P.M.	Prayer Service
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	D. Smith, E. Snouffer, B. Devinney	<u>MONDAY, APRIL 28</u>	
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	H. Stevenson, W. Wes- terfield, B. Haines, H. Nordblom	7:00 P.M.	Calling Night
	GREETERS	<u>TUESDAY, APRIL 29</u>	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Sarah Smith	5:00 P.M.	Celebration
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Genevieve & Rolland Ripple	7:00 P.M.	Lay Personnel Committee and Committee Chairpersons meeting
	ACOLYTES	<u>THURSDAY, MAY 1</u>	
	David Hamm & Adam Hayes	9:30 A.M.	BIRTHDAYS May 2-8
	COMMUNION PREPARATION		Virginia Brown (2)
	B. Wiltfong & Ohnecks'		Mabel Cross (2)
	EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS		Mike Byers (2)
	Becky Glasgow & Sue Kerley		Alyce Fuchs Huber (2)
	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS		Inez Petty (3)
	Chip & Becca Olson		Larry Busse (3)
	LAY WORSHIP LEADERS		Sharon Christoules (4)
	Gina Mielke		Anza Smith (4)
	<u>8:15 A.M.</u> Linda Stover		Helen Steigerwald (4)
	<u>10:45 A.M.</u>		Ray Stover (4)
			Helen Clymore (5)
			Edna Johnson (5)
			Lea Jackson (5)
			Ralph Reynolds (6)
			Dave Arnos (7)
			Troy Pratt (7)
			Jackie Keller (8)
			Dick Vanderwall (8)
			Irene Wooldridge (8)
			Milk
			PANTRY / FOOD BANK NEEDS:
			P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Powdered

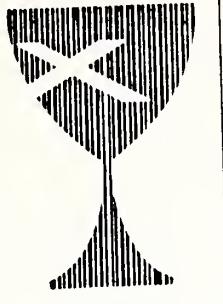
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Richard L. Hamm, Editor

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## MAY BRUNCH - A GALA OCCASION

Saturday, May 3 is a red letter day. Be sure to plan to attend the Annual May Brunch. The time is 10:00 a.m. and there is no cost for the Brunch. Our special speaker will be Marjorie Hill, Missionary to India since 1973. Marjorie, daughter of missionary parents, is home on furlough, after having served in India health institutions, helping them improve their community health services, and teaching nurses psychology, sociology, English, and Hindi. She has also worked in the baby ward of the Jackman Memorial Hospital at Bilaspur, India. During this time she has developed a nursery school for the adoption and care of orphan babies and has served in the Youth Conference Program of the churches in India.

India, a country 1/3 the size of the United States, has 3 times as many people, many of whom suffer from malnutrition, due to unsanitary water and food supplies, and very little money for the average family.

India churches are dedicated to Christian Unity and the Disciples there work closely with the United Church of Christ.

In addition to the speaker, there will be an installation service for new CWF officers and special music.

Be on hand Saturday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 4, during the Sunday School hour, our children will have the unique opportunity to meet with Marjorie Hill, a missionary from India. She is eager to share with them about India, the children there, and her work. This is for all children in Readiness through Grade 5. Children will meet in their regular classes for attendance at 9:30. If your child does not regularly attend Sunday School you may take him/her directly to the Children's Choir room on the 3rd floor. We hope a lot of children will be able to experience this special personal visit.

## BARBEE CAMP WORK DAY!

Our Conference Center needs a lift! On Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., workers from all over northern Indiana will gather to help get the Center ready for summer. Please call the office to RSVP (744-3239).

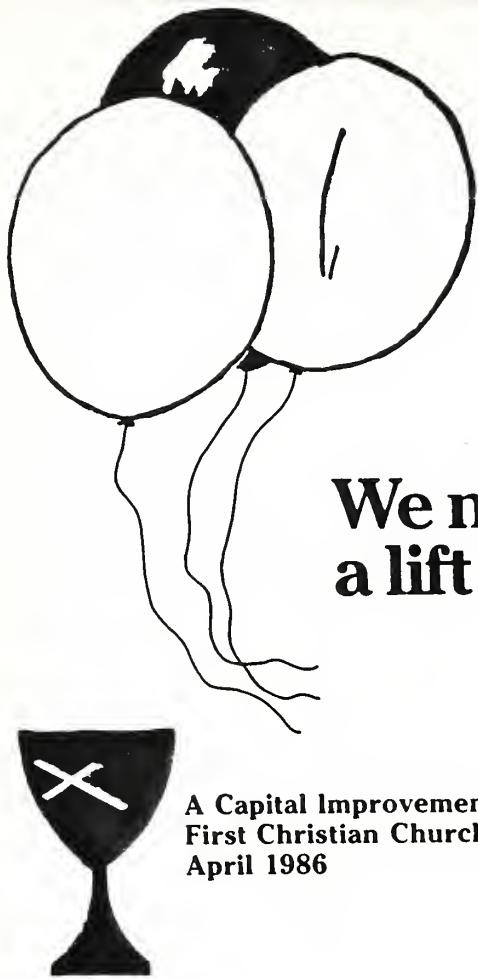
## SOFTBALL PLAYERS - FIRST GAME, TUESDAY, MAY 6!

6:00 p.m. Franke Park. Call Chip Olson if you have not signed up! (672-8720)

## WEDDING SEMINAR

On Sunday, May 4, 2:00 - 8:00 p.m., our semi-annual joint wedding seminar (FCC, and West Creighton) will be offered at FCC. This seminar is for anyone contemplating marriage or who is recently married (or remarried). The seminar includes presentations on finances, legalities, communication, sex, and more. No charge, but RSVP at 744-3239.

Remember the Garage Sale  
May 16 & 17  
Fellowship Hall



## We need a lift . . .

A Capital Improvements Project  
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April 1986

### CAMPAIGN REPORT

Coming into Sunday, we had \$35,000.00 in advance gifts and pledges. Sunday, we received \$51,420 in gifts and pledges! So, we are well on our way. If you were unable to be present Sunday, we will have a brief "make-up" presentation in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m., and again at 10:10 a.m. We hope you can be present for one of these presentations. Even if you are unable to contribute financially, we want everyone to see and hear the presentation.

Thank you for your prayerful support for this Capital Campaign as we move toward our June 1st conclusion!

### DISCIPLE - UCC DIALOGUE

We have been invited to the spring meeting of the Northeast Association of the United Church of Christ, which will be held Thursday, May 8, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church. Dr. Thomas Dipko (Ohio Conference Minister) will address the group with "The Challenge of Living Towards Each Other: A Discussion of the UCC - D of C Ecumenical Partnership. RSVP for Dinner (6:00 P.M.) by calling Dick Hamm or plan to come for Dr. Dipko's presentation at 7:45 p.m.

### PARENT'S NIGHT OUR FRIDAY, MAY 16

We will meet at Bandito's Georgetown Shopping Center at 7:00 p.m. We will go to Lantz's afterward for dessert. Please RSVP by calling the church or Rhonda Lantz at 486-2217.

### JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Junior Youth Fellowship will meet at the starting line at Foster Park for exercise and refreshments this Sunday, May 4, 4:30 p.m.

### PEACE SABBATH

The Peace Education Commission of Associated Churches are sponsoring a "Peace Sabbath Service" and Rally, Sunday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. at Plymouth United Church of Christ. The Fort Wayne Festival Choir and the Children of Peace Choristers will share in the Program. There will be opportunity for a report from the event chairpersons for the coming summer Festival of Peace and Understanding, scheduled for August 9-17. Come share in this good evening.

### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 4-27-86

Rachel Hoover, 1126 Kinnaird Ave.; Mrs. Fanchon Miller, Decatur, IN; David Stauffer, Chesterfield, MO; George Perkins, Anchorage, KY; Gary Perkins, Anchorage, KY; and Don Anspach, Buffalo, NY.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I am very pleased with the start we have on our Capital Campaign! We'll look forward to future updates. There are many many people to hear from yet.

Sometimes the picture we have of Jesus is oversimplistic, or emphasizes one aspect of his nature and being over against another. The two candles on the Table are symbolic of the human and divine natures of Jesus Christ, and somehow we do have to keep both these aspects in mind and in a healthy tension.

My good friend, Loyd Gentry, wrote about this recently in his newsletter. In part, he said, "Thomas Jefferson once went through the New Testament carefully cutting out those portions that made Jesus appear to be anything more than a mere human. He omitted all verses and paragraphs that he deemed controversial or difficult, such as the miracle stories. Jefferson said he wanted to sift 'the moral teachings of Jesus from the speculations of crazy theologists.'

So, he took his scissors and paste and went to work, clipping this and that and putting the finished product in a blank notebook, which he titled, *The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth*. The 'Jefferson Bible,' now displayed in a Washington museum, ends with Matthew 26:60, ' . . . and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre and departed.'

According to Jefferson this was the last thing to be said about Jesus. Thomas Jefferson might have had a keen mind but it was not keen enough to surmise that there would have been no New Testament to 'snip apart' if Jesus' life had ended in a sepulchre. The final word is that death has been defeated and 'He is risen!'"

Take care and I'll see you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

A part of America's ongoing quest for improving its educational system is the search for standards of effective teaching. What makes an effective teacher? According to a recent article in the New York Times, technical skill and command of the subject matter were important. Of course. Beyond these, however, were less tangible qualities: Relational skills, empathy for students, personality, and an enthusiasm for teaching. These were more important, and were more consistently found in those considered good teachers than was any one style or method of teaching.

Maybe the teaching profession is a microcosm of life. Technical skill and accurate knowledge in one's area of concern are important, but caring, being conscious of others and their needs, and aiming to be servants to one another -- these are unbeatable. They are the marks of an effective human.

*Jan*

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YOUTH NEWS

Regular, CYF/Chi Rho meeting next week; we have some things to be planning toward!

Men's Chorus Practice at 6:30 P.M. this Thursday!

Bell Choir practice will be from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. this Sunday, May 4!

## SERVING MAY 4

## CHURCH CALENDAR

(USPS 195-840)

ELDERS  
8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and  
Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and  
Liz Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS  
8:15 A.M. J. Kelly-SW, B.  
Grimm-NW, M. Hutchinson, E.

Conrad  
10:45 A.M. R. Stover-SW, L.  
Stover-NW, B. Wiltfong-SE, S.  
Smith-NE, J. Wagoner, D. Par-  
lette, P. Tobias, K. Tobias

USHERS  
8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,  
J. Myers

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-  
terfield, J. Jones, E. Kreischer

GREETERS  
8:15 A.M. Judy & Ralph Church  
10:45 A.M. Jeannie & David Pratt

ACOLYTES  
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION  
Jason Krull & Aimee Pratt

J. Weicker - G. Brown  
C. Olson - M. Novachcoff  
W. Johnson - M. Callahan

P. Mullen - E. Conrad  
COMMUNION PREPARATION  
D. Parlette & J. Wagoner

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS  
Sam Hayes & Sherry Lytle

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS  
Becky Glasgow

COUNTERS FOR MAY  
Herb Banet & George Davis

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS  
8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff  
10:45 A.M. Gene Lantz

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LUTHERAN:  
766 - Mrs. Elizabeth Halbrook

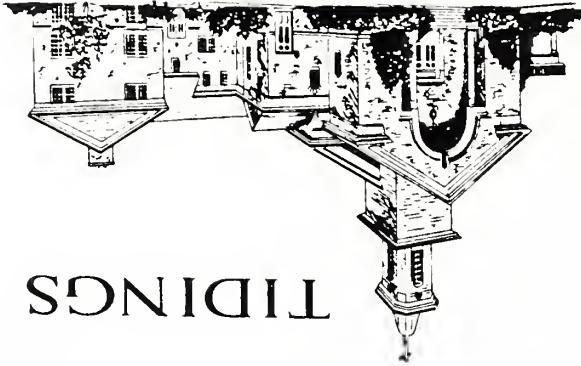
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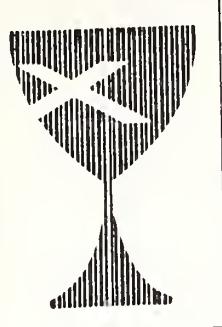
## SUNDAY, MAY 4

## MONDAY, MAY 5

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group  
7:00 P.M. Calling Night  
TUESDAY, MAY 6  
5:00 P.M. Celebration  
THURSDAY, MAY 8  
7:00 P.M. The Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS May 9-15  
Dan Dickey (10)  
Carol Dunham (10)  
JoAnn Franklin (10)  
Melvin Williamson (11)  
Gail Westerfield (12)  
Burl Feltemberger (12)  
John Hechler (12)  
Willis Wuthrich (12)  
Mildred Thorp (12)  
Bernice Schnobel (13)  
Deloris Ansbach (15)  
Earl Fusselman (15)  
Mary Mullins (15)  
Marta Rehner (15)

CAPITAL FUND COMMITTEE  
Capital Fund Committee will meet  
on Monday, May 5, 7:00 P.M. in the  
Conference Room.



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## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT, MAY 16

This is for all parents! Come and join together for fun and fellowship! We will meet at Bandido's (Georgetown) at 7:00 p.m. We'll go to Lantz's afterward for dessert. RSVP by calling the church office or Rhonda Lantz at 486-2217.

Come to the Lantz's even if you are unable to go to Bandido's, but please RSVP.

## GOLF OUTING!

Our annual Golf Outing will be Saturday, May 31, 9:00 a.m., at Foster Park. Please RSVP now by calling the church office or Eileen Klepfer (747-3077). Join the fun!

## FIRST CHRISTIAN & FESTIVAL CHOIR ON CHANNEL 10

The Festival Choir performance here this winter was taped and will be aired Saturday, May 17, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tune in!

## LARGE PRINT PEW BIBLES AVAILABLE

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## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 13 no game

Tuesday, May 20 8:40 p.m., Lawton #3

## GARAGE SALE - MAY 16 & 17

Items can be put on the stage anytime!

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Dick Hamm is leading a class for persons interested in learning more about First Christian Church and the Disciples of Christ. Anyone is welcome. The class is meeting all during May on Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in the Church parlor. Members and non-members are welcome. Come and get your questions answered!

## CAMP & CONFERENCE

Summer opportunities are beginning soon! If you have not received registration forms and information, please call the church office as soon as possible. Forms were mailed out earlier this spring.

## BOARD MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 13, 7:30 P.M.



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### THANK YOU'S

Thank you to the Ladies of CWF. I am sorry to be so slow to thank you for the Easter plant. It is beautiful, full of pink flowers. I have it in an east window and it has grown a lot. Thank you for remembering me. You and the church are in my prayers.  
Mary Piatt

Thanks to those who helped make Marjorie Hill's visit a success!  
Peg Buskirk

### OUR MEN IN THE SERVICE

Tony York  
PSC Box 5652  
APO N.Y., N.Y. 09179-5378

Klark Kerley  
306-72-7167  
PSC-5, Box 693  
Eielson AFB, AK 99702

A 22¢ stamp will carry a letter to these fine fellows!

### CAMPAIGN REPORT

We continue to seek your prayers for this great effort! We received another \$16,500 Sunday, so our total now is \$101,000. We hope to have all pledges in by May 29, so that we can dedicate them June 1.

The Committee

### CYF/CHI RHO

No meeting May 11, Mother's Day. We decided not to give her the day off!

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - no meeting on May 11! Any J.Y.F.er's interested in running the Arlington Park 5k on Saturday, May 10 need to contact Sharon Pauley at 745-0925.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP  
AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 5-4-86

Mark & Jacquie Winters, 133 W. Fleming; Art & Deb Lester & Jacob, 3309 Hoagland; Dan & Donna Ketchum, 327 W. Sherwood Terrace; Marjorie Cox, Syracuse, IN; Fran Miller, Decatur, IN.

If you requested a camp site for the all church campout, please contact the office!

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Q: How are Halley's Comet and the Russian Nuclear Disaster alike? A: Both were overblown media events.

With the comet, it was understandable. It has been quite spectacular in the past. But the Chernobyl accident suggests an ominous failure of the free press to exercise a reasonable modicum of restraint. Headlines (of a size ordinarily reserved for acts of war) proclaimed 2000 or more dead and a double meltdown, all based on rumor and hearsay. Ted Koppel's Nightline spent an hour speculating about what turned out to be unrealities. The Soviets were belittled for trying to gloss over the accident by saying only two had died.

Granted, it was a very serious accident and the death toll will certainly climb as months pass. Granted the Soviets, should have been quicker with public information about the exact nature of the accident for the sake of surrounding nations (just as we should have been quicker to inform surrounding states and Canada about Three Mile Island). Granted the whole affair raises more questions about the viability of nuclear power.

But whatever happened to journalism? Every media manager and editor in America should be red faced. And every American should ask, "why were we so eager to believe the worst?"

I think it has to do with the fact that we live lives that are so highly stressed and overstimulated that we're becoming oversaturated. It takes a lot to get our interest and attention, so the media is turning increasingly to the methods of "The Enquirer". As a public, its as though we're bored and sort of hoping for a monumental disaster of some sort that will distract us from the busy lives of meaninglessness and emptiness so many of us live. Since most of the world has become agnostic, something within hopes for a monumental disaster that will "force a God (if there is one) to show his hand and restore the faith and meaning of our lives".

Maybe I'm way off base here, but I don't think so. I believe the crisis mentality of our age has a lot to do with the crisis of faith in our age.

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. My sermon this Sunday will be based on Acts 16:16-34. Neat story!

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

I am not fond of the sport of boxing, but the name of Jack Dempsey transcends the sport. He was known as the Manassa Mauler because of the way he relentlessly battered his opponents. He reportedly fought in a near frenzy, so that other boxers feared getting in the ring with him.

What did Dempsey think of his skill and power in the ring? According to his manager, "The kid had no confidence....honestly, he didn't believe he could whip anybody; always thought he would lose, maybe even get hurt." Dempsey fought frantically because he was terrified. He did not realize his own power and the awe in which other fighters held him.

I think we all have a tendency to assume that we are the unusual person, that everyone else seems normal. As someone once said, "The only normal people are the ones you don't know too well". I don't know about you, but for me it helps knowing that, even if we aren't all in the same boat, at least we're in the same lake!

*Slalom!*

*Don*

## SERVING MAY 11

### CHURCH CALENDAR

<u>SUNDAY, MAY 11</u>	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Mildred Hartman and Mark Snyder
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Merle Grimm and Bill Johnson
	<b>DIACONATE &amp; GREETERS</b>
	A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, M. Snouffer-NW, E. Conrad, J. Lindsay
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	M. Callahan-SW, S. Callahan-NW, M. Crouse-SE, W. Bowen-NW, M. Hamm, S. Englehart, J. Wagoner, C. Falbe
	<b>USHERS</b>
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	D. Smith, E. Snouffer, B. Lehman
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, K. Taylor, K. Tobias
	<b>GREETERS</b>
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	J. Feltenberger & J. Woodward
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Carl & Mildred Linn
	<b>ACOLYTES</b>

Steve Mullen & Randy Hendrickson  
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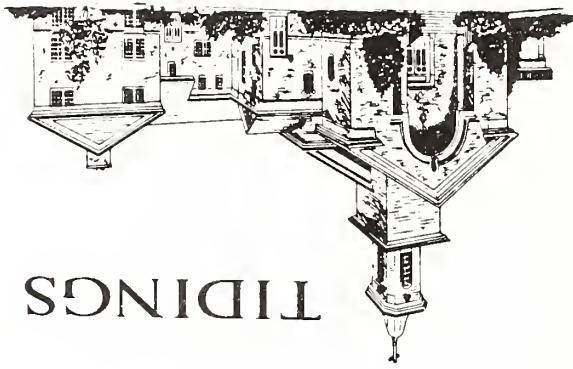
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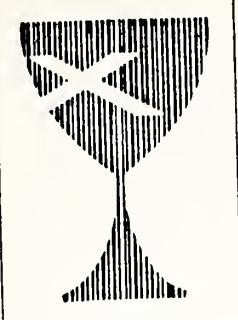
**LAY WORSHIP LEADERS**  
8:15 A.M. Earl Snouffer  
10:45 A.M. Jack Shelton

**BIRTHDAYS** May 16-22  
Ethel Birthhold (16)  
John Myers (16)  
Jane Vanderwall (16)  
Sam Hayes (17)  
Carolyn Webster (17)  
Art Thomas (18)  
Shannon Jones (18)  
Beth Wiltfong (18)  
Dan Ross (18)  
Shirley Howell (19)  
William Houk (19)  
Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19)  
Earl Snouffer (19)  
Jack Shelton (19)  
Viola Gaskill (20)  
Barnard Ashe (21)  
Hazel Crouse (21)  
Bob Hendricks (21)  
Amy Hayes (21)  
Edwin Day (22)

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## Baptism

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Tracy Critelli, daughter of John & Kris Ohneck made her confession of faith last Sunday and was Baptized this Sunday. We rejoice in this decision for Christ!

### GOLF OUTING!

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### SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 20 - 8:40 p.m., Lawton #3

Tuesday, May 27 - 9:45 p.m., Franke

### SECRET PLACE AVAILABLE

These fine quarterly devotionals are available for June-August for \$.60 in the narthex. Pick one up this Sunday!

### TEACHERS TO BE HONORED AT BREAKFAST, MAY 24

All Sunday School and Extended Session teachers and other workers in the Christian Education department will be guests of the church at a breakfast, Saturday, May 24, at Azar's on Tillman Road at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to attend, please call the church office by Monday, May 19.

These workers will also be recognized at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on May 25.

The concert "Singing One Another's Song" which was given in our sanctuary February 28 by the Festival Choir was taped that evening for Public Access Television, Channel 10 by our own Mike Callahan. It will be aired May 17 at 5:00 p.m. Tune in!

### CYF

There will be a picnic this coming Sunday afternoon!

GARAGE SALE  
MAY 16 & 17



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#### CAMPAIGN REPORT

We have received another \$4,770 to place the total now at \$105,770. If you have not yet responded, remember that we hope to have all responses in by May 29 so we can dedicate gifts and pledges on June 1. If you need a pledge card, or more information, please call the church office.

The Committee

#### MUSIC NOTES

On this Sunday, May 18, the Chancel Choir will be singing both services in celebration of Choir Sunday and the beginning of Pentecost. Nine anthems have been chosen to augment musically meditations by Paul Scherer, renowned preacher and teacher, retired Professor of Homiletics at Union Theological Seminary, New York. They have been taken from his book Love is a Spendthrift. The meditations and anthems and hymns speak of the meaning of the seasons of the Liturgical year. One of the anthems Hear the Bells Pealing was written for four-part chorus and bell choir by Ft. Wayne's Ian McLuckie, a gift to our choirs. This will be its first performance. It is an arrangement of a Russian folk song, an Easter anthem. Soloists in the service will be Rebecca Stucky and Mel Busse, and Don Parlette will assist on the trumpet.

#### CELEBRATION

The Celebration children hope that the congregation will share all the warm fuzzies with friends and family this week, even as they will be sharing more warm fuzzies and several of their anthems with the residents of the Heritage Manor Nursing Home. After their visit, the children will enjoy Happy Meals at McDonalds. Next week the children will have games and a picnic in the park which will close their season for this year.

Many warm fuzzies and many thanks go to Deb Miller who has prepared suppers for the class every Tuesday all year; to Genie Slick who has helped her; to Terri Pfenning who has assisted as Choir Mother, and especially to Vee Parlette and Nancy Smith who have each given so much of themselves and their gifts, time, and energy -- and love -- to the children. Thank you!

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## FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I received overwhelming support for the sermon Sunday. That was a "first" for me and so an experiment. The response was therefore especially gratifying. I'll be using that approach again occasionally, though not often enough to "wear it out". (For those not present Sunday, I took on the role of the Philippian jailor and tried to portray the prison earthquake of Acts 16 as he might have experienced it). I enjoyed doing it.

This Sunday, we will have the privilege of hearing our wonderful choir offering up a reprise of the past season's music as well as some new pieces. It's Pentecost Sunday, and I'm sure this will "fire us up" (sorry about that!).

It's good to see some of our college students back home for the summer, or at least for a visit before summer terms for some. We always miss these students when they go off to school, and it's always a "kick" to see them back with us. Welcome them! Did you catch Gail Westerfield in the recent issue of the Disciple?

The Capital Campaign is moving along. It will be great to see some important jobs done around the church. I always marvel at how this congregation responds!

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

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## Area Coordinators Enhance Work of Commission

In recent editions of The Indiana Christian, various officers of the regional Commission on Women have been featured. With this issue, the focus will shift to the area coordinators who also serve the regional Commission well. It is the coordinator who plans and implements the Area C.W.F. Workshops, now taking place around the region.

Miriam Bixenman, CWF Coor-

dinator from Area 1, the smallest area in the region, is finishing her second term in her position as coordinator. She is a retired Disciples minister, having served on the staff of First Christian Church in Fort Wayne for 11½ years before her retirement in 1979. Earlier, she had served 15 ½ years at First Christian Church in Bloom-

ington, Illinois.

Miriam directed camps in Indiana and Illinois for 25 years and after her retirement served as cook at Barbee Camp for two summers. She has served 4 years on the Indiana Committee on Recommendations and on the Indian Lake Planning Committee during the time of building the conference center, pool and other improvements.

In the local church in Ft. Wayne (First Christian Church), since retirement, Miriam has served two years as CWF President, 5 years as CWF Study Director, and is completing 3 years as chairwoman of the Church Membership Committee. She is currently in her second term as elder.

Miriam has also served as chair of the Department of Christian Education for the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and as chair of ecumenical concerns for Church Women United.



Miriam Bixenman

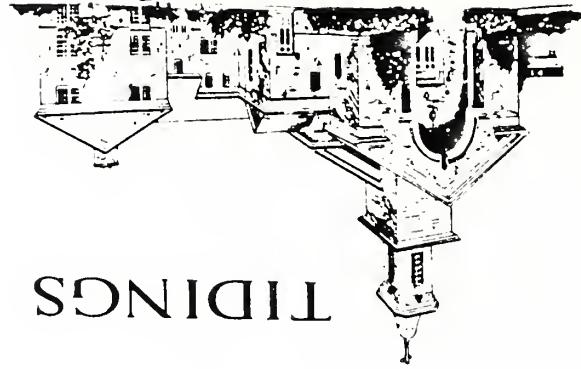
## SERVING MAY 18

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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## TIDINGS



## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and  
Bill Crouse  
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and  
Gene Klepfer  
DIACONATE & GREETERS  
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Young-NW, M. Hutchinson, E. Conrad  
10:45 A.M. S. Kerley-SW, B. Kerley-  
NW, L. Stover-SE, R. Stover-NE, E.  
Klepfer, J. Ohneck, K. Ohneck, R.  
Krull

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,  
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. West-  
terfield, H. Nordblom, C. Schnobell

## GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Hazel & Bill Crouse  
10:45 A.M. Grace Truby

## ACOLYTES

Jimmy Davis & Matt Busse  
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION  
Jt. Weicker - M. Hutchinson  
D. Keebortz - M. Mullen  
S. Hayes - C. Miller  
B. Ludwig - D. Parlette  
COMMUNION PREPARATION  
J. Kelly & J. Lindsay  
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WORSHIP COMMITTEE  
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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6:15 P.M. Prayer Service  
MONDAY, MAY 19  
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group  
7:00 P.M. Calling Night  
TUESDAY, MAY 20  
5:00 P.M. Celebration Picnic  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21  
7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at the church  
THURSDAY, MAY 22  
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

## 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

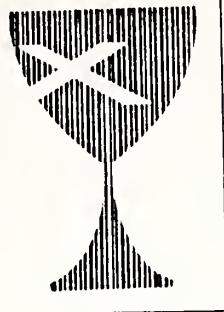
We wish to invite all our church friends  
to our 60th Wedding Anniversary party to be  
held on Sunday, June 1, 1986, from 2:30 -  
5:30 p.m. at the Aboite Center Child Care,  
Times Corner. Please RSVP by Saturday, May  
24 at 485-1877.

Glenn & Lola Miller

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## GOLF OUTING!

Our annual Golf Outing will be Saturday, May 31, 9:00 a.m., at Foster Park. Please RSVP now by calling the church office or Eileen Klepfer (747-3077). Join the fun!

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 27 - 9:45 p.m., Franke Park  
Tuesday, June 1 - 5:25 p.m., Lawton #3

## SECRET PLACE AVAILABLE

These fine quarterly devotionals are available for June-August for \$.60 in the narthex.

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## BREAD FOR THE WORLD

If you would like to help in the fight against world hunger (which is a significant way to fight for world peace), join Bread For The World Tuesday, May 27, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the church. Learn what you can do!

85-86 Committees Meet Tuesday, May 27, 7:00 p.m.



A Capital Improvements Project  
First Christian Church  
April 1986

We need  
a lift...

#### CAMPAIGN REPORT

We have received another 18,821.00 to place our total of gifts and pledges received at 124,591.00. The following items have been spoken for by designated gifts: the cabinets in fellowship hall, some office refurbishing, the wireless mic, the security system and the Calhoun Street Chandelier.

As for designated gifts and pledges the Board has prioritized the remaining projects and determined the first four that will be done are:

1. the organ improvements
2. the roof replacement
3. the elevator
4. the restrooms

Other projects that the Board considers to be of immediate importance are the van, plumbing repair, new office equipment (press and computer), and kitchen equipment. These projects will be done as money and pledges are given to provide for them.

We plan to complete this Campaign by May 29 so as to celebrate and dedicate on Sunday June 1. Memorials and living memorials to honor loved ones are welcome (simply indicate such on your pledge card). Pledge cards are available at church or from the church office. We are very pleased with the way in which the congregation and friends are responding.

The Committee

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#### CONGRATULATIONS!

Joe & Phyllis Fitch's son, Michael Fitch, was ordained into the Christian ministry this Sunday, in Kentucky.

#### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 5-18-86

Jean Evans, 3203 Sandpoint Road, Lot 11; Mrs. Phyllis Tryon, 2937 Westbrook Drive, #420; Elizabeth Carder, 14414 Aboite Center Road; Justine & Sean Wells, Corunna, IN; Carolyn Stevens, Napierville, ILL; Erika, Shaun, Brooke Graham, Roanoke, IN; Clyde Baker, Newell, W.VA; Phyllis Green, Chester, W.VA.

#### CYF/CHI RHO

"Growing Relationships". Last event of the Year! Friday night and Saturday morning, May 30 and 31, we will have a lock-in. We will look at relationships and how they grow. Meet at the church Friday at 6:30. We will finish by 11:00 Saturday morning. Bring chips, something to drink, and a friend, if you want!

**JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP WILL NOT MEET ON SUNDAY, MAY 25!**

We would like to thank Dr. Hamm and Peggy Buskirk for their prayers and everyone else for their phone calls during our granddaughter's illness.

Kenneth & Martha Hunt

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It is good sometimes for me to sit in the congregation on Sunday morning. Last Sunday, the Chancel Choir was in full force, and the impact was phenomenal! People, including me, went away deeply touched.

As I listened and worshipped, several thoughts passed through my head. I thought how much this choir has grown. The "cut offs", the intonation, the dynamics, the articulation were just excellent. Then, I thought about what a bunch of characters our choir is!

I mean, here were some 35 or so people each with his or her own delightful and unique personalities, gifts, quirks, idiosyncrasies, perspectives, and histories, coming together to produce some of the most beautiful choral music I have heard.....coming together to worship God with a beautifully woven tapestry of sound and humanity. How God must smile on such an occasion. How moved God must be as He sees his creation, in all its diversity and uniqueness and creativity, come together to produce a harmony of beauty and praise.

I also realized how much I love each of these folks, and how much each of them means to me. And.....how much more I worship when the sounds of praise are coming from folks whom I personally know and love.....warts and all.

Thanks choir.....I needed that!

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. I'll be preaching on "Understanding God's Will" this Sunday. See you then!

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

In his book When Bad Things Happen To Good People Rabbi Harold S. Kushner points out that the two most painful things a person can experience are passing a kidney stone and having a baby. Even though the pain is equally intense for these two events, what a difference there is between them! Kushner writes, "But the pain of giving birth is creative pain. It is pain that has meaning, pain that gives life, that leads to something."

Many times we experience pain - physical or emotional - that goes nowhere and is meaningless. It robs us and drains meaning and energy from the goodness of life. Pain is what we experience when we run headlong into the limitedness of our lives.

When that happens to us on the emotional level, when we run headlong into our own personalities and discover something about ourselves we don't like or which frightens us, or which disgusts us, we hurt. It is inevitable. We are limited, quirky beings by nature. But it is possible, with the unblinking honesty of God's grace, that such a time can be a time of birth, or rebirth. We can adjust. We can change. We do have choices. Either with trusted others or within ourselves, if honesty is allowed to work, our pain might find itself spent at the cries of even new life, which is always a gift of God.

(You might read Luke 19:1-10).

Shalom!

*Don*

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R.S. Garfield Todd, a former Disciples of Christ missionary who served as prime minister of Rhodesia from 1953 to 1958, has been knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. Todd, now retired at his ranch near Zvishavane, Zimbabwe, was nominated to become "Sir Garfield" by the government of New Zealand, his native country. The honor apparently had the blessing of Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe. Todd served as an adviser to black revolutionaries in peace negotiations during the country's transition from white-ruled Rhodesia to black-ruled Zimbabwe. He was jailed several times in the 1960s by Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith for supporting the black nationalist guerrillas. Todd came to what was then Southern Rhodesia in 1934, where he helped establish the Dadaya mission, which took leading roles in the founding of Zimbabwe.

## SERVING MAY 25

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, MAY 25

##### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and  
Laura York

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and  
Bert Leversee

##### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Conrad-SW, M. Hutch-  
inson-NW, B. Grimm, J. Kelly  
10:45 A.M. D. Parlette-SW, K.  
Tobias-NW, P. Tobias-SE, D. Graham-  
NE, S. Smith, B. Wiltfong, C. Miller,  
M. Mullen

##### USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,

B. Devinney 10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. West-  
terfield, B. Haines, J. Jones

##### GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jeff Young  
10:45 A.M. Peggy Buskirk

##### ACOLYTES

##### Andrew Akers & Joshua Lytle

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##### J. Kelly & J. Lindsay

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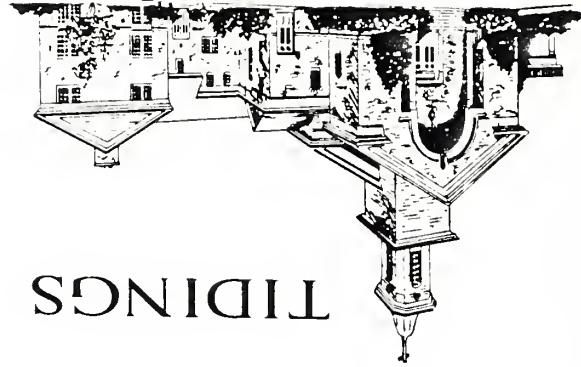
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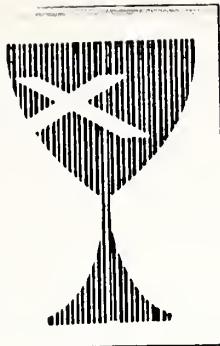
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Clara Wells was baptized this Sunday and her parents, Tom & Peggy transferred their memberships. They live at 5221 Holton Avenue 46806. Welcome to you each!

## A SUMMER INTERN IS ON THE WAY!

One of the provisions of our Memorial Trust Program is a scholarship fund which supports students preparing for ministry. It also provides for a summer intern. The intern is a college student considering ministry as vocation.

Our first summer intern in several years will be arriving this week. She is Karla Dyer, a sophomore at Eureka College (one of our Disciple Schools, where Eric Zimmerman is also a student).

Karla will have a broad experience of ministry this summer. She will make hospital calls, home visits, work in camp a week, assist in worship, work with youth, and much more.

We look forward to Karla's arrival and to the congregation meeting her this Sunday.

Again, the money for Karla's summer work comes from funds given to the church as bequests and memorials. For more information about our Memorial Trust Program, call one of the ministers or officers of the Board.

## AREA I BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 2

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## PRAYER SERVICE: Sundays, 6:15 - 7:00 P.M.

Secret prayer for others all during the day is an acid test of our unselfishness. Our little selves must fade out, leaving a self-forgetting channel, through which God's warmth flows unhindered in lovely unending prayer.

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 3 - 5:25 p.m. Lawton #3  
Tuesday, June 10 - 6:35 p.m. Lawton #2

## BOOKS & RECORD

Due to the fact that Peggy & I will be moving to Florida in late summer or early fall, I would appreciate it if anyone who has borrowed books or the record, "Inside I Tremble," by Keith Miller, from me would return them. I am a poor record keeper, so I don't know to whom or how many books I have loaned, but we do need to get them packed. I thank you.

Miriam Bixenman

Brighten the day  
for an older adult



While I report some of our statistics, do keep in mind the important intangibles we provide everyday. People know they are valuable only when they are valued daily. This happens every day between our staff and residents. They know they are special, when they're treated with special care. Our residents are loved, not because it is our job, but because God first loved us. And love and care is our response.

We carry out God's ministry, twenty-four hours everyday, in your name. Here are some of the facts and figures:

### WHERE DOES OUR FUNDING COME FROM?

Individual benevolent gifts	
Resident Fees	
BMF and Designated Church Receipts	
Other income	

FLINN	KENNEDY
2.5%	2.0%
95.5%	94.5%
2.0%	2.5%
0.0%	1.0%

### HOW DO WE SERVE?

Average Age: 86

Age range: Flinn Memorial Home - 69 to 102  
Kennedy Living Center - 58 to 99

Females 87.3%

Males 12.7%

### TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED IN 1985:

Flinn Memorial Home	163
Kennedy Living Center	113
Ken-Mar Apartments	131

HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE BENEVOLENT ASSISTANCE? About 28.8% were helped at Flinn Memorial Home. At Kennedy Living Center, we provided 4,277 patient days of benevolent assistance in 1985. We expect this to raise in 1986.

DO WE HELP CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) MEMBERS ONLY? No, we care for all people in our homes who need financial assistance.

### HOW MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS AND PATIENTS ARE DISCIPLES?

Flinn Memorial Home	52.8%	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Kennedy Living Center	46%	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## CAMPAIGN REPORT

While gifts and pledges will, of course, be accepted anytime toward our Capital Campaign, we hope to receive as many as possible by this Sunday so they can be dedicated in second service. We will announce an updated total at that time. Thanks to all who are giving of their treasure for its restoration and improvement!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was absolutely shocked when Rabbi Safran appeared in worship Sunday to present me with a Certificate of Appreciation from Clergy United for Action. Serving as president of this group for two years has been a real growth experience for me, and I have been continually impressed by the general quality of clergy who serve in Fort Wayne. I am sincerely grateful for having had the opportunity. It's wonderful to live in a town where the clergy can speak and be heard on public issues (the focus of Clergy United's action has always been local issues).

It was great to see the Wells family join Sunday (we now have two Wells families -- well, well! Sorry!). There are a number of others moving in that same direction. Pray for these folks as they move toward membership.

See you Sunday!

Love,  
*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Recently a playwright sent the script for a movie titled "Everyone Goes to Rick's Place" to thirty-three producers. Every one who even acknowledged receiving it rejected it. One suggested it might make a good novel, but said it would never make a decent movie.

Actually it was a screenplay the writer had written years ago. He had only changed the names of the characters and the title, which originally had been "Casablanca."

One could say that tastes have changed. One could point out that the movie industry is very different from what it was when "Casablanca" was made. Or that the script was never that good to begin with. But why is "Casablanca" still revered as a silver screen classic?

Because "Casablanca" was more than a script. Because it was an outstanding cast. It was an outstanding work of direction. It fit well with its contemporary setting. Many elements came together to make "Casablanca" a classic, only one element of which was a good plot embodied in a good (for its day) script.

And so the church: it is not the choir alone, or the Sunday School, or the ministers or the facilities, or any other specific element. It is not even the book upon which it claims to be founded. The church is something more than the sum total of its parts. The apostle Paul talks about the church as a whole bunch of parts which, when functioning together, "embodies" Christ! So then, you and your unique contribution to the life of First Christian Church here in Fort Wayne is what helps make this congregation a "classic." (See I Corinthians 12: 12-31)

Shalom,

*Ron*

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ATTENTION DIACONATE:

Please call in the dates of Sundays you cannot serve so that the July through December serving schedule can be made correctly. Call dates to Diane in the office by Thursday, June 12.

## SERVING JUNE 1

## ELDERS

Mildred Hartman and  
Jack WeickerPat Mullen and  
Rolland Ripple

## DIACONATE &amp; GREETERS

J. Lindsay-SW, J. Kelly  
NW, E. Snouffer, M. Snouffer  
10:45 A.M. D. Graham-SW, S. Engle-  
hart-NW, M. Hamm-SE, C. Falbe-NE, M.  
Callahan, S. Callahan, M. Crouse, W.  
Bowen

## USHERS

D. Smith, E. Snouffer,  
J. Myers  
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenston, W. West-  
terfield, K. Tobias, E. Kreischer  
GREETERS

## ELIZABETH DULL

C. Wilcoxen, O. Glentzer

## ACOLYTES

Brandon Falbe & Sara Glasgow  
HOMEBOUND COMMUNIONL. York - P. Tobias  
L. Johnson - C. Falbe  
R. Church - J. Lindsay  
Jt. Weicker - J. Wagoner

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

L. Lewis &amp; R. Krull

## COUNTERS FOR JUNE

Merle Grimm &amp; Sam Hayes

## EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Sherry Lytle &amp; Sam Hayes

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Shirley Callahan

## LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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## IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOE: 582 - Elaine Parrot

PARKVIEW 349 - Barb Hayes  
449 - Ruby Johns

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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MONDAY, JUNE 2

9:30 A.M. Morning Study Group

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

8:15 A.M. Naomi Group, home of Ann  
Pittenger, 2937 Westbrook

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 A.M. Planning Retreat

## BIRTHDAYS June 6 - 12

Ralph Church (6)  
Terry Walters (6)  
Stan Cole (7)  
Stephan Taubbee (7)  
Virginia Snouffer (7)  
Pat Bennet (8)  
Ron Kiger (8)  
Mel Busse (9)  
Chad Cline (9)  
Virginia Englehardt (9)  
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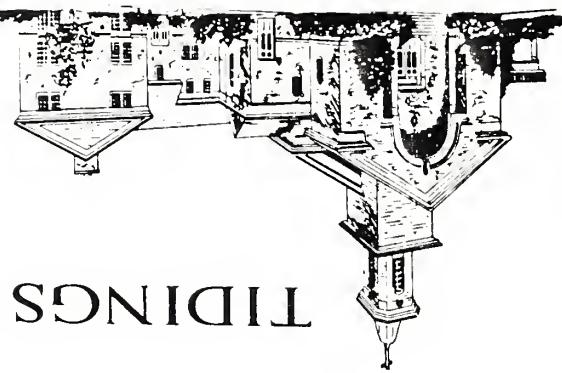
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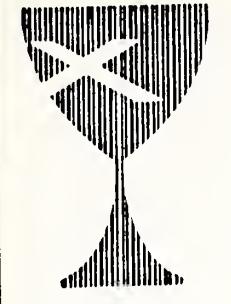
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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

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## ALL CHURCH PICNIC

The All Church Picnic this year will be very different from our past picnics! It will be at Chain O' Lakes State Park on Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. We have reserved the Shady Ridge Shelter at the park, so the picnic will be held, rain or shine. The meal will be at 12:30 p.m. Bring your own table service and food to share (covered dish). Beverage will be supplied by the Membership Committee. At the park, there is swimming, boating, hiking, and bike riding available and you are urged to bring table games and sports equipment. To reach the park, take highway 33 north to highway 9. Turn right on 9 and go to the Chain O' Lakes sign. Turn right there and ask at the park gate for directions to Shady Ridge Shelter. It is very near the beach. Come, stay as much of the day as you can and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

## D.M.A. - ALL WELCOME!

The Don't Mention Age Fellowship will meet Tuesday, June 10, to go out to lunch and on to the Fort Wayne Zoo. We will also plan the new year's program. Visitors are welcome!

## PLANNING RETREAT

This Saturday, June 7, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Lay Personnel and Outreach & Service are not meeting then).

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The new Personnel Committee will meet Monday, June 9, 7:15 p.m., at the church.

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 10 - 6:35 p.m. - Lawton #2  
Tuesday, June 17 - 5:25 p.m. - Tillman #3  
Tuesday, June 24 - 6:35 p.m. - Lawton #2  
Tuesday, July 1 - 5:25 p.m. - Lawton #3

## ATTENTION DIACONATE

Please call in the dates of Sundays you cannot serve so that the July through December schedule can be made correctly. Call dates to Diane in the office by Thursday, June 12.

## THANKS EILEEN! A BEAUTIFUL GOLF OUTING

About 30 golfers took part in our annual outing last Saturday. A good time and a good meal was enjoyed by all on a beautiful day. The winning team was Jack Lindsay, John Kelly, Eileen Klepfer (the organizer? whoops!) and Ray Stover.



We need  
a lift ...



A Capital Improvements Project  
First Christian Church  
April 1986

#### CAMPAIGN REPORT

What a beautiful sight! 200 balloons with yellow ribbons and invitations to worship attached, floating up into the sky! We dedicated nearly 140,000.00 in gifts and pledges Sunday, yet there are many yet to be received. We'll keep you posted.

If you have not yet made a pledge or gift of dollars and/or prayers, please do so as soon as possible. A few more thousands of dollars will assure that the restrooms can be remodeled, or you can still designate to some other item not yet spoken for.

The initial bid for the roof replacement came in at budget, which was a great relief. Since rough estimates are very difficult to make on such a project.

Capital Fund giving envelopes will be available soon for those contributing weekly or monthly. Thank you for your part in making this campaign a success!

#### A THANK YOU

One of the areas of our church life that is really "hopping" is the music program. Under Helen Donnell's leadership, the adults, the youth, and the children have all had fun, fellowship, and inspiration while singing and ringing. We are most fortunate to have Helen with us!

I'd like to mention the people who have made our Tuesday night Children's "Celebration Choir" program go. Nancy Smith assisted Helen with the program. Terri Pfenning was "choir mother" this year. Deb Miller prepared meals for the whole crew, assisted by Genie Slick. Vee Parlette accompanied the group, and Jerry Zimmerman volunteered to accompany for some three months while Vee's wrist healed. This has been a very faithful crew and many many children benefited from their hard work. A big "thank you" to you all!

Dick Hamm

#### NEEDED - SUMMER CHILD CARE

Summer child care is needed in my home 2 to 3 days a week. Lakeshores-Waynedale area. Call Bev Hudlow at 747-4849 if interested.

The Chancel Choir would like to sell the drum set which is in the Choir Room - \$100. Please call Helen Donnell (432-0152) if you are interested. It would make a good practice instrument for a budding percussionist.

Tapes of Choir Sunday, May 12, are available in the office for \$1.00.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

Glenn and Lola Miller celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this Sunday!  
Ellen Buchanan is 101 years old!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, Gina Mielke and her husband, Paul, moved from Fort Wayne to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Gina had been a member here at F.C.C. for less than a year (she was invited by Mary Novachcoff). Before leaving, she came by to see me and she said some things I want to pass on to you.

She said that she felt very strongly that the Lord had called her to First Christian Church. She had grown and been nourished here in ways that had helped her move into a new chapter in her life, and she was most grateful for our ministry to her as a congregation!

Well, it made my week! When people perceive that God has used First Christian as a channel through which God's grace is received and accepted, I know that no matter how we may sometimes fail as a church, we most certainly succeed at least some of the time in the most important ways.

One other note about this. God called Gina to this church, but it was Mary's eagerness to invite a friend to church that made it possible for Gina to find what she needed and what God wanted for her.

We frequently speak of inviting people to church as though it was to make the church bigger, and it does of course. But that's not the real reason we need to invite people. We need to invite people to worship because God may very well want that person here to receive some special gift and nurture, or to make some special contribution to the Kingdom. Thus, by inviting people, we become a channel for God's grace and will....which is a pretty exciting prospect, I'd say!

We'll miss Gina. She's a beautiful person. But remember her story, because she has reminded us of what it really means to be the Church.....and so has Mary!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. My Sunday School class will begin a new study this Sunday. Anyone without an adult class is welcome! We meet in the parlor.

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Hi! My name is Karla Dyer and I am the summer intern. As I write this my watch says it's 5:00 a.m. on Saturday. I am taking a moment to rest during the youth group's lock-in. This has been a very interesting evening, meeting all the youth and getting to know them. One puzzling thing, I always thought people slept at night! I guess not at a lock-in.

My home church is Southside Christian Church in Kokomo. I have three older sisters who are married and are starting their own families. Through my family's love and encouragement I have truly learned how important God is.

I look forward to meeting each of you. I hope to share my talents with you as you share your church and individual ministry's with me.

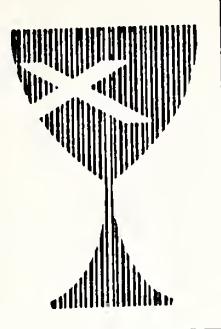
In Christ's Love,

*Karla*

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 6-1-86

Heather Bunch, 4218 Beaver; Edgar Hutchinson, 422 W. Oakdale Drive; Marjorie Cox, Syracuse, IN.





# First Christian Church

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## ALL CHURCH PICNIC - (NOTE CHANGE IN DIRECTIONS TO CHAIN O'LAKES DUE TO CONSTRUCTION)

The All Church Annual Picnic this year is this Saturday, June 14, at Chain O'Lakes State Park. It is 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and those at the all church camp out will join us for the potluck noon meal at 12:30 p.m. at Shady Ridge Shelter, near the park beach. Since last week's Tidings we have learned that highway 33 is temporarily closed. State police advise that we take U.S. 30 to Route 9 at Columbia City. Take this north to the Chain O'Lakes Park sign. Turn right there to the park entrance and ask there for specific directions to get to the shelter.

Come, bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. Beverage will be furnished by the Membership Committee. Enjoy the natural recreation of swimming (if the weather cooperates), boating, fishing, hiking, etc. or bring table games and sports equipment. Come one, come all, and stay as much of the day as you can!

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY, JUNE 20

The Falbe's, 9806 Roe Drive, will host this event at their house, 6:30 p.m. All parents are welcome to take a night off from parenting and come and enjoy some adult fellowship! Bring a covered dish and something to cook-out for your family. Call Carolyn (432-6235) to RSVP, or the church office.

## SINGLES! FIESTA!

We'll be going to Chi-Chi's together this Sunday night, June 15, 6:30 p.m. Please call the church to RSVP (744-3239). All singles are welcome!

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 17 - 5:25 p.m. - Tillman #3  
Tuesday, June 24 - 6:35 p.m. - Lawton #2  
Tuesday, July 1 - 5:25 p.m. - Lawton #3

## QUADRENNIAL

Again, we are asking that all those registered for Quadrennial please call the church office or Peggy Buskirk (745-3365) so you can share in the interest money from the Edna Vaught fund that is specified to assist those going to Quadrennial.

## MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday Morning Study Group will meet on the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 16, to go out to lunch. This will be our last meeting until fall.

## GARAGE SALE REPORT

The garage sale on May 15 & 16 netted us a grand total of \$848.79, all expenses paid! Again, thanks to everyone who helped in any way - donations of saleable items, foods, work. Didn't we really have a good time, too?

## C.W.F. BOARD

The C.W.F. Board will meet in the Conference Room immediately after second worship service for a short meeting on Sunday, June 22!

A reader of the British Weekly sent this letter to the editor:

Dear Sir:

It seems ministers feel their sermons are very important and spend a great deal of time preparing for them. I have been attending a church service quite regularly for the past 30 years and I have probably heard 3,000 of them. To my consternation, I discovered that I cannot remember a single sermon....

Sincerely,

Parishoner

The pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church sent the following reply. (From Pastor C.V. Naugle of Macungie, PA.)

Dear Sir:

Mobile, Ala.

I have been married for 30 years. During that time I have eaten 32,850 meals -- mostly of my wife's cooking. Suddenly, I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I received nourishment from every single one of them. I have the distinct impression that without them I would have starved to death long ago.

Sincerely,

The Pastor

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THANK YOU

We want to express our gratitude and thanks to all of you for making our anniversary a very happy occasion. Thank you also for the cards, gifts, and good wishes. Thank you Dr. Hamm for the lovely prayer!

God Bless You All.

Glenn & Lola Miller

NEEDED - SUMMER CHILD CARE

Summer child care is needed in my home 2 to 3 days a week. Lakeshores-Waynedale area. Call Bev Hudlow at 747-4849 if interested.

I APPRECIATED THIS STORY WHICH I SAW IN JOHN GLOSSER'S NEWSLETTER FROM ELKHART CENTRAL CHRISTIAN

During his visit to the U.S. Bishop Desmond Tutu preached at the chapel of Duke University in Durham, N.C. Dr. William Willimon, Duke's university pastor, described that experience in an article in "The Christian Century" magazine. In the article, Dr. Willimon reports both the setting and the content of Bishop Tutu's sermon:

"Just as we were singing  
When through the deep waters I call to  
go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee over-  
flow;  
For I shall be with thee thy troubles  
to bless,

And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress  
the doors of the chapel burst open and in swept a little man in a clerical collar and a bright purple shirt. People kept singing as he jogged down the aisle. Then they stood on their chairs, cheering and weeping.

"The little man climbed the steps of the pulpit. We soon discovered that he would not be speaking on apartheid--at least not in any simple or direct way. He took as his text the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The issue for Christians, he told us,

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

For me, summer starts officially the day after the Planning Retreat! This was once again, a fine event with a lot of excellent ideas and plans for the next year. We're getting good at this planning process, and it shows! My thanks to all who were present and worked so hard!

We're enjoying having Karla Dyer here as our intern. She arrived at kind of a "wild" time, but then it's usually pretty wild around here, so she's getting an honest picture! I am most grateful to Mary and Terry King for providing their home for Karla's summer residence!

It was neat to see the Shorts last Sunday. Rumor has it that another former staff family will be visiting us this Sunday (Harold & Ruby)!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

The saying goes that the only sure things in life are death and taxes. Let me add one more universal to this dictum: change. And, like death and taxes, change is a rather uncomfortable reality.

I feel most secure when my life is predictable and stable, when I know I have a job to go to, and where the next meal is coming from, and that my family will be home when I get there this evening.

But jobs change. Financial rises come and go. Families grow and change and are never quite the same day to day, year to year.

And we change. Our politics shift to the left or the right. Our self confidence is deepened or shaken through the years. We come to know ourselves better or come to see ourselves as a deepening mystery (or both!). Our children grow and leave home. Our hair falls out. Change is exciting, exhilarating, relieving, threatening, painful, and always anxiety-ridden.

So I pass along to you some words from John A.T. Robinson: "We need not fear flux. God is in the rapids as much as in the rocks, and we are free to swim and not merely cling."

God acts in change as well as in stability. Take a deep breath and keep swimming. (Read Romans 8:18-25).

*Shalom!*

*Ben*

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is always whether to bow to true or false gods. Taking his cue from Elijah, Tutu gently ridiculed the silly contemporary prophets of Baal who expect their idols to save them. Nations, oppressive regimes and unjust rulers had better take care, because a stooped, poor old woman walking the streets of Soweto has more significance to God than those whom the world calls powerful. "These rulers are going to try to stand against the almighty love of God? Hah!"

"It was a sermon on an ancient story, he said, that uncovers "The real subversiveness of the Christian faith." Faith subverts injustice by convincing that old woman in Soweto that she is a beloved child of a loving and just God. No earthly power can long withstand this assault, proclaimed Tutu, who said that what keeps him going in his times of self-pity or despair is the knowledge that a Catholic nun in California or a Lutheran pastor in Alaska is praying for him by name at the beginning of each day."

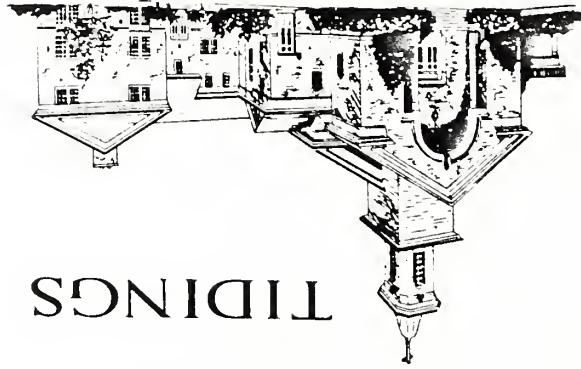
## CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

SERVING JUNE 15		SUNDAY, JUNE 15	
ELDERS		8:15 A.M.	First Worship
8:15 A.M.	Laura York and J. Fred Smell	9:30 A.M.	Church School
10:45 A.M.	Liz Johnson and Chip Olson	10:45 A.M.	Second Worship
	DIACONATE & GREETERS	6:15 P.M.	Prayer Service
8:15 A.M.	M. Hutchinson-Sw., B. Grimm	6:30 P.M.	Singles Group to Chi- Chi's
MONDAY, JUNE 16		MONDAY, JUNE 16	
		11:30 A.M.	Monday Morning Study Group meet at church to go out to lunch
			7:00 P.M. Calling Night
			TUESDAY, JUNE 17
		5:25 P.M.	Softball Game at Tillman # WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18
			1:15 P.M. Food Bank Volunteers Meet
			FRIDAY, JUNE 20
		6:30 P.M.	Parent's Night Out at Fall 9806 Roe Drive
			ACOLYTES
8:15 A.M.	D. Smith, E. Snouffer		
10:45 A.M.	H. Stevenson, W. Wes- terfield, H. Nordblom, J. Jones		
	GREETERS		
8:15 A.M.	Ruth & Paul Yentes		
10:45 A.M.	Jean & Charles McGrew		

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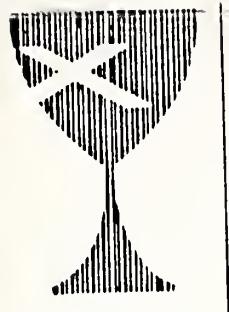
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P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Powdered Milk,  
Canned Fruit, Canned Meats

## PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:



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## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 20

The Falbe's, 9806 Roe Drive, will host this event at their house, 6:30 p.m. All parents are welcome to take a night off from parenting and come and enjoy some adult fellowship! Bring a covered dish and something to cook-out for your family.

Call Carolyn Falbe (432-6235) if you still haven't RSVP'd!

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD PRESENTATION

All adults are invited to a special presentation this Sunday, June 22, 9:30 a.m., in fellowship hall. The program will bring information regarding the Universal Child Immunization Bill before Congress. The program is brought by our chapter of Bread For the World and will be led by Lori Lewis, District Coordinator and Dick Hamm, chapter moderator. You can learn something and you can do something that will matter!

## C.W.F. BOARD

The C.W.F. Board will meet in the Conference Room immediately after second worship service for a short meeting on Sunday, June 22.

## COMMITTEES MEET

Tuesday, June 24, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Babysitting by request

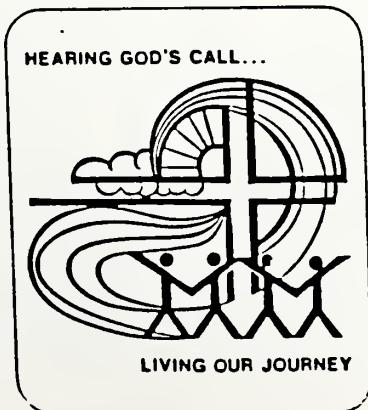
The new program committees will meet Tuesday, June 24, to finalize plans for the new year. Babysitting will be provided by request only (call the office at 744-3239).

## WAGON WHEEL THEATER OUTING - "THE STUDENT PRINCE"

All are welcome to join in this annual outing to the Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw. "The Student Prince" is Sigmund Romberg's musical story of thwarted romance and royal marriage.

Our tentative date is Thursday, July 10, departing the church by motor coach at 6:30 p.m. Bus fare and ticket are \$12.00 per person.

Reserve your tickets by calling the church office (744-3239) by Saturday, June 28! All are welcome!



## 140th REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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## SYMPATHY

Emma Schell died Wednesday, June 4, and her funeral was June 6, Dr. Hamm presiding. Our prayers go out for daughter Schellie Englehart and the rest of the family.

Alyce Fuchshuber died last Tuesday, June 10, at Lutheran Home. Her funeral was Thursday, Dr. Hamm presiding. Our prayers go out for her daughter, Janice Ashton.

Art Huddleston died Friday, June 13, after a long illness. His funeral was Tuesday, June 17, Dr. Hamm presiding. Our prayers go out for Florence.

Dolly Arnold, the mother of our church secretary, Diane Johnson, died Friday, June 13th. Her funeral was Monday at Faith Lutheran Church. Our prayers are with Diane and her family.



In the Fellowship Hall you will see a mobile suspended from the ceiling. It has on its various parts the amounts of money we gave as a congregation last year to the various agencies and units of the Church. Take a moment to look it over and feel Christian pride at what you have helped enable!

## EUNICE CONRAD TO TEACH IN CHINA

Eunice will be teaching English to Chinese students this summer as well as witnessing privately to her faith. She will be there with the English Language Institute/China. We look forward to a report from her when she returns August 21! Our prayers go with her.

## CHURCH CAMPERS

The following youth are going to Camp Barbee this summer on the dates indicated:

June 16 - 21: Jimmy Davis  
David Hamm  
Jason Krull  
Josh Lytle  
Danny Mory  
Steve Mullen

June 23 - 28: Clara Wells  
July 13 - 19: Tammy Davis

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 24 - 6:35 p.m. - Lawton #2  
Tuesday, July 1 - 5:25 p.m. - Lawton #3

To seek peace, to make peace, or to keep peace we need peacemakers, men and women, under God's control, at peace within themselves, a fellowship rising above the barriers of race and nation, an army of life-changers, demonstrating the friendship of the new world order. -Stephen Foot

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

While I welcome the opportunity to minister to our congregational family, it is painful to do funeral after funeral, even though there is also a sense of relief, joy, and thanksgiving for the life and witness of those who have passed on. It is hard for us to accept death as a part of God's plan for life, especially when it involves someone we really care about, but it is. For the Christian who has thought about it, death is no longer the mortal enemy and is sometimes even recognizable as a friend in the face of long suffering and a life that has been fulfilled. It is for us to remember our loved ones and friends and to give thanks for the gifts they shared with us. Then, it is for us to redouble our concern for the living, to invest ourselves in them, and to tell them now and often, "I love you."

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. My sermon Sunday is entitled "The Cave of Self-Pity" based on I Kings 19. This is a sermon for anyone who has been occasionally overwhelmed by self-pity (that should cover just about everybody, I think!).

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Hello again!

As I finish my second week here at First Christian, I am finally able to start putting names and faces together. I am learning a lot from your congregation and I look forward to learning more as I work with the youth group and Sunday school class as well as various committees.

Wednesday when I went home, I had the opportunity to watch my nephew play baseball. Now he can hit home runs, but sometimes he swings the bat and strikes out. The more he tries the more frustrated he becomes. I think sometimes this is true for members of the church also. Sometimes we think going to church and tithing every week will make us more favorable in God's eyes. Although these are important, God also wants us to pray for others, volunteer to work on a committee, or just give another person a hug and friendly "Hello". Maybe the best way to hit a home run for God is to do the little things we often overlook as well as the things such as going to church that we all know are important!

In Christ,

*Karla*

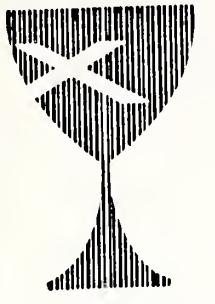
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John O. Humbert  
General Minister  
and President

John O. Humbert was elected the third General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at the 1985 General Assembly. One of Dr. Humbert's goals is to strengthen the quality of congregational life. Sketch of Dr. Humbert courtesy of "The Disciple."





# First Christian Church

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## WAGON WHEEL THEATER OUTING

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## CHURCH CAMPERS

In addition to those listed last week, Elizabeth Christoules was at Barbee. This week, Clara Wells is at Barbee.

Gene Lantz is directing a camp at Barbee this week. Gene is one of our newest members and is actually involved in the Regional Camping program.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD

The new Board will meet Tuesday, July 1, 7:30 p.m., at the church. We will decide the location of the elevator and new restrooms.

On Tuesday, July 8, 6:00 p.m., the Board will meet at the church for supper. The agenda will include installation by Dr. Howard Goodrich, Regional Minister, and consideration of the 1986-87 program budget.

Telephone regrets to 744-3239.

## AREA I NEW CHURCH COMMITTEE

This Committee will meet at Saturn Christian Church on Monday, June 30, 7:15 p.m. All interested persons welcome.

## SINGLES!

Our next meeting will be at Mike Piatt's place. After meeting, we'll adjourn to the Three Rivers Festival Fireworks display! RSVP at 744-3239.

## MEN'S RETREAT AT BARBEE

The Regional Christian Men's Fellowship will be gathering for retreat at Barbee September 19-21. All men are invited. Its a great opportunity for fellowship and inspiration. Call Dick Hamm to register or for more information.

CYF/CHI RHO meet this Sunday, June 29, and every other week until the end of summer. Be at the church at 5:30 p.m. Karla Dyer, our summer intern will give her leadership for this program!

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 1 - 5:25 p.m. Lawton #3

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE! DAYBREAK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

REQUIREMENTS:

- 21 years of age or more
- provides three personal references other than family
- attends an interview with Volunteer Coordinator
- completes a 9 hour orientation
- receives a T.B. test and physical exam current within 6 months of starting date
- makes a basic 6 months commitment of two, 4 hour shifts per month

QUALIFICATIONS:

- previous experience in child care or clerical ability is important
- has a desire and concern for nurturing children
- has ability to be flexible and adapt to task at hand
- capacity to work with others as part of a team
- respect the privacy of Daybreak clients
- maintain a sense of responsibility and dependability
- have a willingness to learn, to share time and energy

BENEFITS:

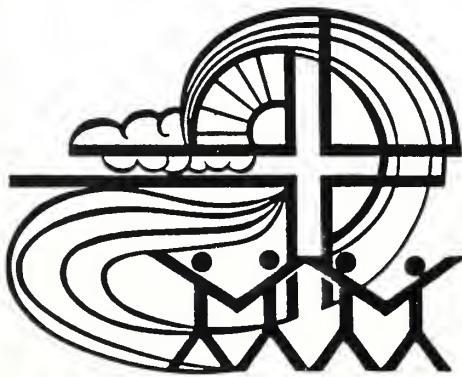
- knowing that you are part of a solution to a problem, rather than just talking about it
- meeting and working with others who share similar interests and concerns
- giving care and attention to children who are in need
- feeling appreciated, that Daybreak cannot help others without volunteer support
- acquiring or expanding skills and experience that can be used in other areas of ones lives
- the response from a child - a smile, a hug, a happy word

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTEERING PLEASE CALL AND ASK FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE SENT OUT TO YOU. CALL 424-7478 or call Mimie - 458-9351 (I love the job!).

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 6-22-86

*Jose & Amy Anaya, 2715 Stardale; Margaret Baumann, 2129 Broadway; Alice Mendenhall,*



Worship, exhibits, business sessions, a book store, and seminars will all be part of the 1986 Indiana Regional Assembly planned for October 24-25 in Clarksville, Indiana. The theme of the Assembly this year is "Hearing God's Call...Living Our Journey." Our church is entitled to 4 voting delegates. Any number of non-voting delegates may attend. See Dick for more information. If interested in being a voting delegate, contact Dick immediately.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I went to Mindy's 20th High School Class Reunion in Bluffton last weekend (it will be her turn to go to mine in August!). All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening. She belongs to a nice class.

Reunions of any kind always make me think. The 20th High School Reunion is particularly poignant for me. Why? Because, it is the reunion closest to our 40th birthdays! On the one hand, you see that your peers have taken solid places in the world. In a sense, we have, during these 20 years, still been preparing, just as we were in high school. But now we are "the establishment." On the other hand, overagainst this feeling of finally having gotten "started" is the underlying sense of urgency that one experiences at such an affair. We are, afterall, half way through our time (approximately, and Lord willing)! We're finally established and yet we're half way through our time.

My! As Dorothy said in Munchkinland, "people come and go so quickly here!" To me, this all means that rather than living for this great event in our lives or for that great milestone, we had better seek to enjoy each day of the journey as it presents itself! May God help us each to "smell the roses", or whatever happens to be in blossom at this particular time of our individual lives. Thank God that every part of life has its own joys and pleasures and challenges, that each season of one's life has its own peculiar and beautiful blossoms.

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. This week's sermon is "Love and Judgement" and is based on Amos 7:7-9.

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

I again have the privilege of watching a child push himself along in the process of learning to control his body, in getting it to do the things he wants it to do. It is not fatherly pride (what have I got to do with it?) but awe when I see Albert driven by some built in push to try to get up on hands and knees. Physical growth I can understand. This kind of growth, motivated by, what? instinct? pure individual desire? This is mystery.

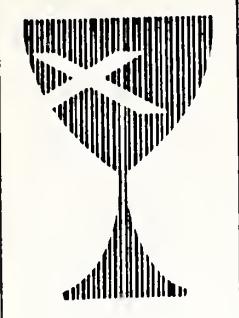
The "problem of pain", of why "bad things happen to good people", receives alot of attention among theologians and clergy. So it should. But coequal in stature is the opposite "problem": The problem of growth. Why does an infant or a fawn or even a pea plant, struggle so with growth? Why do I wrestle with myself and my environment so intensely, working for growth and betterment of myself and the world out there?

It is a mystery, but it is a God given, God blessed mystery, and is one of the reasons I believe there is a God, a God whom I can trust. A world without God could do nothing but wither. Our world grows and changes and struggles with itself. Thank God!

*Shalom!*

*Don*





# First Christian Church

744-3239  
"We Are Growing"  
Richard L. Hamm, Editor  
Volume XLIII July 2, 1986 No. 26

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## SOFTBALL - as of this writing, we have not yet received the second half schedule.



Attend Church  
While on Vacation

## DON'T FORGET THE CHURCH DURING SUMMER

What percentage goal should we strive for in stewardship giving? The Old Testament reveals that God, from the beginning of his contacts with men, instructed his followers to give one tenth of their income to him (Lev. 27:30). Those in the New Testament Church were directed to give proportionately as God prospered them (I Cor. 16:2). This church invites its members to seriously consider percentage giving as a recognition that all life belongs to the Lord who gave his all for us.

The Stewardship Committee

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Don & Connie Kampenga transferred their membership from Ninth Street Christian Church in Logansport. They live at 6916 Mohican Trail 46804, phone number is 436-2109. Welcome Don & Connie!

## BOARD MEETING - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 8

Please telephone regrets only to 744-3239 as this is a dinner meeting which will be catered.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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## OFFICE NOTES

It has been suggested that we extend our office hours another 2 hours daily so they will be 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.. It is our hope to cover 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. daily with volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to serve an afternoon or two a week, give Dick a call. You would answer the phones and do various other clerical tasks according to your skills.

Diane Johnson, our very capable and talented secretary, goes to half days in July and August. Francesca Goheen will be working for these two months from noon - 3:00 p.m. daily. We welcome her to our staff for these eight weeks.

Karla Dyer, our summer intern, spent last week at Barbee Conference Center assisting camp director Gene Lantz with a Chi-Rho session.

Don Wiltfong will be on vacation July 7-21, but Dick will be available. Dick will be on vacation August 1-16.

## A NOTE FROM THE CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME WHICH WE HELP SUPPORT THROUGH OUR MISSION GIVING AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

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A lot of exciting things have been happening around the Cleveland Christian Home. During the last year we served 340 children; 131 children in residential care and 209 children in Day Care.

Our Kindergarten Day Care class graduated 9 children. Their families were invited to help celebrate.

Several of our residential children have come close to no real childhood at all. Extreme poverty, broken homes, drunkenness, drugs or abuse have robbed these children of their right to be children and caused them to be emotionally disturbed. My staff and I are working to restore what has been taken away.

Summer activities planned for these children are closely supervised and, in most cases, are part of their treatment plan. It would not be possible for us to provide the care and treatment the children need if it were not for your help. Because of the interest and support you and the members of your congregations share with us, we are able to provide the care and treatment the children need.

Sincerely,

John F. Petten  
Executive Director

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP .. 6-29-86

Gregory & Nancy Lewis, 2756 E. Paulding Road #8; Christine Rodgers, 511 Pinetree; George Perkins, Anchorage, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Claude Linn, Paulding, OH; Mrs. Harmon L. Leaders, Defiance, OH; Sarah, J.R., & Eddie Marshall, Decatur, IN.

## THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

This hymn was taken from Psalm 134. Indeed, for many years the words from the psalm were sung instead of the words we sing today.

When a lookout informed the passengers of the Mayflower that land was in sight, after 66 days at sea, the grateful people sank to their knees and sang the doxology. Bishop Thomas Ken, who wrote the modern day words to the doxology, was born in England seventeen years after the Pilgrims came to America. His life was an extremely turbulent one. He experienced personal problems as well as political turmoil. He lived through the great London fire that destroyed four-fifths of the city as well as the devastating bubonic plague. In spite of this, he maintained an attitude of praise to God, as is evidenced in the words of the doxology.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

This weekend I get to do one of those really special things of ministry. I have one Timothy so far, that is, one person whom I have led into the ministry. I'm very proud of this person. She was a member of my youth group in Kansas City, Kansas, twelve years ago! She will be ordained this Sunday in Kansas City and she has asked me to preach in the service. I am most grateful for this opportunity. A service of ordination is one of the most moving events in the life of the church. I look forward to having Donna Rose-Heim as a colleague and I solicit your prayers for her this week!

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

God's will: words that bring to mind an old man bent over a set of blueprints labeled "Donald Wiltfong" (or enter your own name), working over every detail, mapping out every intention, every invitation, every itch. We can get off track if we want, but to make our lives come out right we must stick with the blueprint (assuming one can discern it).

This is the image "God's will" brings to mind for me, along with the phrase, "God has a plan for your life". These are perfectly fine terms, when used accurately. But one thing is clear: "God's will and God's plans for us allow for a great deal of choice, freedom, and creativity on our part. We are partners with him in creating our life. God provides the raw materials, the gifts and abilities which come to make up our inborn personalities. But, in the context of our environment, we fill in the details, we make the applications, we help write the story. God's will sets limits, provides raw possibilities, and lovingly guides us, not on a pre-set course, but on the paths we choose. It is together -- with God and ourselves as partners -- that God's will for our lives work themselves out.

*Shalom!*

*Don*

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Brian Hayes, one of our young people, has received scholarships to Purdue University where he will be a freshman this fall. Congratulations!

David Orr has been selected to play with a "Jazz Abroad" band which left Sunday for a three week, six nation tour of Europe. Congratulations!

FELLOWSHIP GUILD

Fellowship Guild will meet on Monday, July 14, 1:30 p.m., in the church parlor. Miriam Bixenman and Peg Buskirk will be the hostesses.

SYMPATHY

George Davis' father died and his funeral was last Sunday. Our sympathy to George and his family.

## SERVING JULY 6

## CHURCH CALENDAR

ELDERS  
8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
 Bud Ludwig  
10:45 A.M. Roll and Ripple and  
 Pat Mullen

## DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Snouffer-SW, E.  
 Snouffer-NW, J. Kelly, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. B. Wiltfong-SW, K.  
 Tobias-NW, D. Graham-SE, L. Lewis-

NE, K. Perkins, C. Miller, D. Knud-  
 sen, G. Lantz

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,  
 C. Byrket

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-  
 terfield, H. Nordblom, B. Haines

## GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hutchinson  
10:45 A.M.

## ACOLYTES

## EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Sherry Lytle & Sam Hayes  
 COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Hutchinson & Ohnecks  
 COUNTERS FOR JULY

Mike Callahan & Mike Mullen  
 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

## LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M.  
10:45 A.M.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:  
 Powdered milk, P-nut butter, jelly,  
 canned meats, canned fruits.

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## LUTHERAN:

408 - Ellyn Kreischer  
 ST. JOSEPH:

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 PARKVIEW:

406 - Mrs. Jeanne Feltenberger

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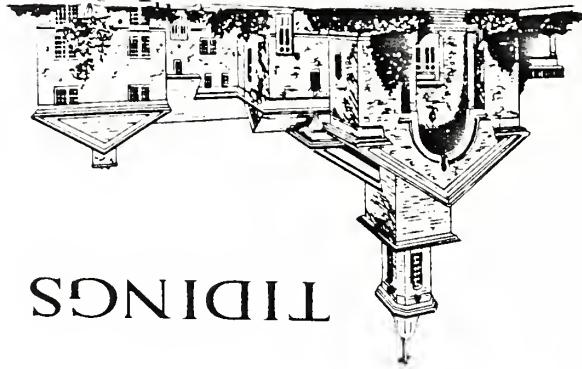
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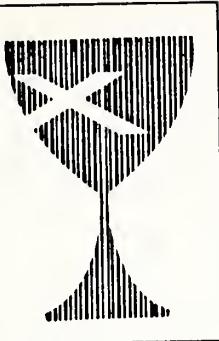
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## CWF NEWS

On June 22 the CWF Executive Board voted to give \$500.00 to purchase the Sunday School classroom signs, a part of the Capital Funds Campaign. This was a result of the successful fund raising projects this past year.

## NEWS OF THE AREA

Dr. McCord, pastor of West Creighton Avenue Christian has resigned and will be moving to Oak Park, Illinois in August. Don and Ann have been in our midst some ten years.

Clarence Bangs, pastor of Auburn First Christian, has resigned to move to Gibson City, Illinois. He and Lois have also been in our Area for about ten years.

Saturn Christian has extended a call to Norman Conklin to be their new pastor beginning in September. Joe Fitch has been serving as interim there, so perhaps we'll have Joe and Phyllis back with us at First for a while (until the Region puts him back to work in another interim).

## CALLING ALL YOUTH!

This Sunday, July 13, we will be having youth group at 5:30 p.m. at the church. We will be playing games, having devotions and in general getting to know each other better. We also need to plan our July 27 meeting. You are also invited to come and participate in Sunday School every Sunday morning in the youth lounge. We have combined the middle and high school classes for the summer. We are studying a series called "Speaking the Truth in Love". It doesn't matter if you have been active in the past, you are welcome to participate in both groups. Bring a friend and come this Sunday!

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 14, 7:15 p.m., at the church.

### OUR FRIENDS

Our friends are they who know  
When we are sad and low  
And always like to show  
Concern when life seems naught but woe!

Our friends are they who care  
And help in everyway to share  
Our joys and all the days so fair  
When living seems without a care!

Our friends are they who stand  
Ready with smile, or word, or hand  
To ease the travail in this land  
Which help to make our life so grand!

Our friends accept us, and help us bear  
Our faults, they also see some virtue there  
They discount errors and think of deeds that wear  
Which aid us all to climb the Golden Stair!

By: Florence M. Huddleston



**Saturday**  
**September 13, 1986**

**Christian  
Theological Seminary**

**Indianapolis**

### THANK YOU'S

I wish to thank each of you who expressed your concern during the time following the death of my father. Your thoughts and prayers were very helpful.

George Davis

I wish to thank all who expressed their sympathy and to all who send cards and prayers during my mother's recent death.

Diane Johnson

### **Workshops**

(CHOOSE ONE)

#1--Now I Am a Board Chairperson	Howard B. Goodrich
#2--Now I Am an Elder	William Hannah
#3--Women as Decision Makers	Marilyn Moffett
#4--Wills and Endowments in the Local Church	Sally Warmack
#5--Now I Am a Treasurer	Chuck Babcock
#6--Going Crazy with Chi Rho Youth	Deloris Turner & Jerry Zehr
#7--Ministering to High School Youth	Diane Griffin & Bill Edwards
#8--Constructive Male Leadership	Tom Russell
#9--Unused People: Resources to/for Creativity	Glenna Parrish
#10--The Struggling Church School	Jane Lawrence
#11--The Ministry of Older Adults	Ruth Ann Schroeder
#12--Marriage and Family Ministry	Louise Evans
#13--Singles Ministry	Mary Randolph
#14--How to Talk about Peace without Starting a War	Ed Weisheimer
#15--Constructive Pastor/Parish Relations	Morris Finch
#16--Removing the Roadblocks To Bible Study	Kay Koenig
#17--Indiana's Crisis of the Poor -- and Us	Jud Dolphin

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

For summertime, which is supposed to be slower (who says?), things are pretty busy for First Christian. The Capital Projects Committee is lining up contractors for the roof, the elevator, the restrooms, and the organ. That's a lot of work. In addition, the Board has been authorizing work and also reviewing the new Program Budget for 1986-87. The wheels of progress are turning!

I hope summer is beginning to unfold for you its promise of change of pace, fresh air, and sunshine. It is definitely my favorite time of year.

My sermon Sunday is "On Being Angry With God". We'll touch on why bad things happen to good people, and our response to bad things that happen to us.

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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Hi!

One of the greatest joys of being away from home during college and the summers in between is having time to reflect on your family and how wonderful it really is. I had one of these such times this past week as I returned home for the 4th of July. I spent two days visiting with friends and playing with my nieces and nephews. But you know, the whole time I was there I caught myself talking about Fort Wayne and First Christian. First Christian has become a second family to me. Even though I talk about my family and my home church a lot, I still hold a special place in my heart for First Christian. You see while I was waiting to be placed in a church for my internship, I became scared and started wondering "what if it doesn't work out". Once I stepped in the building I didn't have to worry anymore, I was met with love. To all of you who are helping to make this summer a great experience for me -- thank you!

Love,

*Karla*

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Russell Wortley, Louisville, KY; Ed Hook, Payne, OH; Austin Herst, Ewing, MO; Wanda Ingmire, Oakland, CA.

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<u>10:45</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	Chip Olson and Miriam Bixenman	9:30	A.M. Church School
		DIACONATE & GREETERS	10:45	A.M. Second Worship
			5:30	P.M. Youth Groups
			6:15	P.M. Prayer Service
<u>8:15</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	B. Grimm-SW, M.	MONDAY, JULY 14	

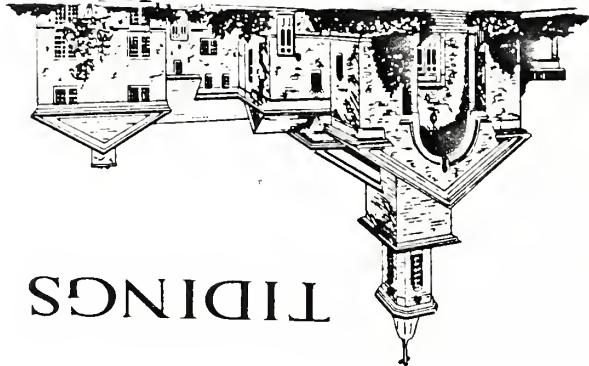
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Strickland			parlor
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>			
Ohneck-SW, J.	7:00	P.M.	Calling Night
Onneck-NW, C. Falbe-SE, M. Hamm-	7:15	P.M.	Finance Committee
NE, S. Englehart, J. Wagoner, J.			
McGrew			

USHERS		
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	<u>D. Smith, E. Snouffer,</u>	
<u>J. Proegler</u>		
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	<u>H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, K. Taylor, M. Westerfield</u>	
		GREETERS
		<u>Diane Mory</u>
		<u>Carolyn &amp; Gary Falbe</u>
		ACOLYTES
	<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	
	<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS	Melanie Springer & Shirley Callahan
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION	M. Bixenman - M. Callahan
	M. Grimm - G. Brown
	D. Parlette - B. Lindsay
	M. Hartman - M. Busse
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	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
	Laura York

BIRTHDAYS July 18-24  
George Davis (18)  
Eula Campbell (19)  
Sherry Lytle (20)  
Warren Webster (21)  
Tom Wells (21)  
Tom Harter (22)  
Jane Wagoner (22)  
Mary Wilhelm (23)  
Cora McKinney (23)  
Forrest Smith (24)  
Edith Bough (24)

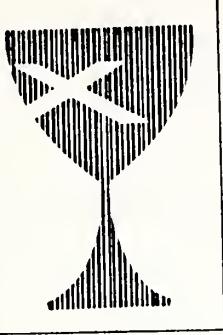
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No one was in the hospital at the time of printing the Tidings.

**PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:**  
**P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meats,  
Canned Fruit, Powdered Milk**



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## MIRIAM BIXENMAN DAY, JULY 27!

Inasmuch as Miriam and Peg will be leaving for Florida very soon to take up permanent residence there, we want to take one more opportunity to honor Miriam as a former staff person of First Christian Church, and Peg as her partner in crime! The coffee hour will be in honor of them on Sunday, July 27. Don't miss it!

## ANTI-APARTHEID VIDEO SUNDAY

Dick Hamm's class (and any other interested adults) are invited to join in the parlor Sunday for a discussion of South African Apartheid and to view a video tape, "Winds of Change". We meet 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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## PRAYER SERVICE

To make unanswered petition an excuse for abandoning all prayer is clearly unreasonable when we stop to consider how utterly unfitted we are to substitute our wish for God's will, and what appalling results would follow if all our requests were answered.

Prayer Service meets every Sunday, 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

BREAD FOR THE WORLD - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, for all Christians who want to do something about hunger!

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Those committees who will be meeting include: Evangelism, Lay Personnel, Membership, Property, and Stewardship. Worship, Outreach & Service, and Christian Education will not be meeting.

CALLED BOARD MEETING, SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 9:30 a.m. in fellowship hall. Agenda, final approval of elevator plans and contract. Please RSVP regrets only to Judy Church at 447-5691 or the church office at 744-3239.

## CAPITAL FUND REPORT

The contract for the new roof has been let. Obviously, we need it badly in the face of further water damage done in storms last week! This is a \$23,000.00 job and will be done around the first of August. They will totally remove the old roof and install a new 30 year roof.

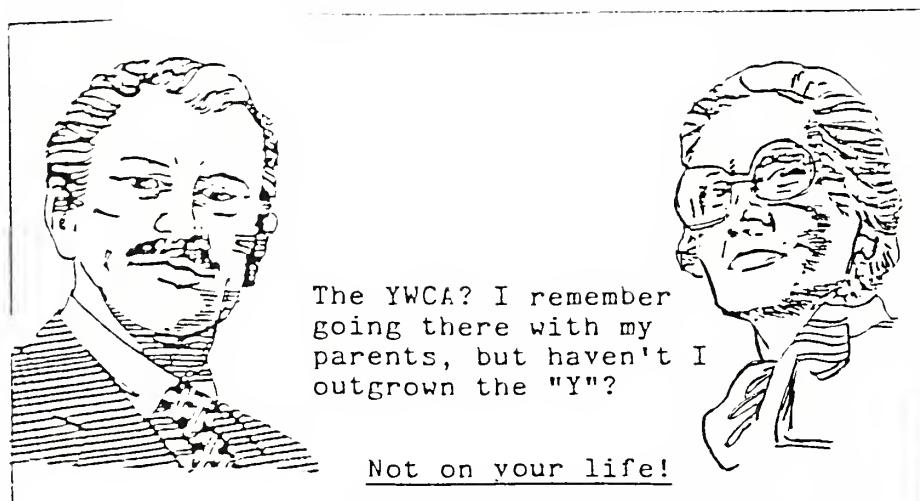
We are proceeding with the elevator design. Final details are now being clarified. Hopefully, that contract will be let the first week of August for completion in the fall. Cost is \$43,500.00.

Parts have been ordered for \$12,500.00 worth of organ repair and upgrading. It is hoped this work will be done for Christmas!

Restrooms are still in the design phase, but should be ready for bids in mid to late August.

Things are moving, and we'll see dramatic evidence of it soon! There are still opportunities to contribute to this campaign (we didn't need to tell you that, did we?)!

Many thanks to our hard working Capital Projects Committee: Ralph Church, Mildred Hartman, Dick Vanderwall, Phyllis Fitch, and the Board!



Good health is a life-long project. At the YMCA on Wells Street, our excellent classes offer men and women activities you are comfortable with, exercise you can enjoy: "Fit After 50"; Aqua-Aerobics; Ballroom Dance; "Trim and Dip"; "Hips, Hips, Away"; Early Morning Walk/Jog, and Aquajoints are just a few.

But the YW knows you have a spirit that needs to stretch and grow too. At the YWCA, you can also play bridge, upholster furniture, paint pictures, learn to invest your savings wisely, and write stories. You can sign up to sightsee in Boston, New York and Mackinac Island, or join a riverboat cruise.

If you are not already a member, come join the YW for \$10 (62 and over), and give yourself "a pool, a park, and a place to grow!"

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Senior Citizens  
Day is July 25!

Bridge & cards 10 AM - 2 PM

Fitness Demonstrations  
from 2 - 3:30 PM, including  
Nautilus, Fit After 50 and  
Body Aerobics for Seniors.

2 for 1 Swim

Bring this coupon to  
the YWCA and we'll let  
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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's hard to express how I felt Sunday before last at the ordination of Donna Rose-Heim in Kansas City! Wow, it felt great! She has so much to offer the Church. She is no longer the high school youth I counseled in 1974! She's a colleague, and one of whom I am proud, indeed.

While in Kansas City, we also worshipped in the morning at the church we started, North Oak. That was poignant, to say the least. They are doing well, and I am very proud to point to is as "founding pastor"!

All in all, it was a great weekend of renewal for me (and Mindy, I think).

My sermon Sunday is entitled, "Paint By Number Christians", and is based on Galatians 3:23-29. Why not invite a guest?

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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Time seems to pass so quickly. When I look at the calendar I realize that I've been here 7 weeks already. When I look at a calendar of the past year I can't believe it has gone by so fast either. Last year on July 16 I had to say good-bye to a very close friend of mine who headed home. Her name was Angelika and she was an exchange student who had stayed in my home for a year and was returning to her home in West Germany. Angelika brought with her a whole new outlook of how life should be or is. And I hope she went home with new ideas and thoughts of what America is. I'll never forget Angelika because even though we often disagreed, we still could get along and that renewed by hopes of worldwide peace. I'll always miss Angelika but I know somehow I'll see her again and that thought keeps me happy. I know through exchange programs and athletic events such as the Goodwill games that we will learn more about each country in the world and more about Love and Peace.

In Christ's Love,

*Karla*

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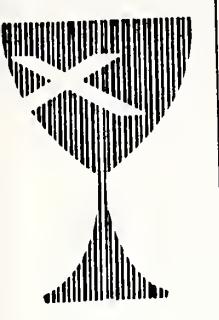
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## MIRIAM BIXENMAN DAY, JULY 27!

In as much as Miriam and Peg will be leaving for Florida very soon to take up permanent residence there, we want to take one more opportunity to honor Miriam as a former staff person of First Christian Church, and Peg as her partner in crime! The coffee hour will be in honor of them on Sunday, July 27. Don't miss it!

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## AREA I NEW CHURCH COMMITTEE

This Committee, open to all members of the Christian Churches on Area I, will be on Wednesday, July 30, 7:15 p.m., Saturn Christian Church. We hope to make a final choice of areas for the start on this evening.

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FROM ALLEN COUNTY JAIL MINISTRY TO WHOM FIRST CHRISTIAN SENDS \$1,200.00 PER YEAR

Dear Friend of ACJM:

At times like these . . . the words "Thank You" seem very inadequate in expressing our feelings of gratitude for you and your support of the Allen County Jail Ministry.

Your contribution was a much needed vote of confidence in our ongoing ministry! We thank the Lord for people like you who stand by us in this endeavor of faith.

Your contribution will be used to meet our many needs in areas ranging from study and reading materials for inmates to the training and equipping of volunteers who have dedicated their time and talents personally to reaching others for Christ.

I will look back upon this year's Annual Banquet with a deep sense of gratitude for what you have made possible in this community. Your investment in the future of countless lives will pay significant rewards in the form of changed hearts and lives.

Please keep the Allen County Jail Ministry in your continued prayers and support. You are a valued friend and partner in this ministry.

Thanks for being part of the team!

In Christ,  
Doyle Staton, Sr.  
Jail Chaplain

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DON'T WAIT FOR THE HEARSE TO TAKE YOU TO CHURCH: IF YOU DO:

...You will go regardless of the weather.  
...You will go regardless of the season (hunting, fishing).  
...You will go regardless of your physical condition.  
...Regardless of how poor the singing is, you will never know.  
...Regardless of what the minister has to say, it will do you no good.  
...You will finally get down to the front of the church.  
...There will be relatives and friends there.  
...The hypocrites won't make any difference.  
...You will go regardless of indifference to attitudes, policies, seating arrangements, ushers, or type of music.  
...There will be lots of flowers, but you won't see or smell them.  
...People will then know what you meant when you told the preacher, "I'll be at church as soon as I get straightened out."  
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HYMN FOR A POLITICIAN:

"Standing On the Promises"

HYMN FOR BASKIN-ROBBINS FANS:

"O For A Thousand Tongues"

HYMN FOR A CANNIBAL:

"Servant of God, Well Done"

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outside world. It is one of the few links there," he said. It is not ironic, he said, that a church organization is being an agent for unity in a country that has experienced years of fighting between religious factions.

"When I think of what the church ought to be doing, the MECC is doing it. We have to counter that Christian war mentality and say violence is unacceptable as a solution to a dispute," said Bishop.

He added, "The real deviation is those Christians that have taken up arms under the banner of the cross, and are fighting for political power."

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Helen Donnell and I shared an Experience last week, literally. "EXPERIENCE" is an annual conference and worship held in Springfield, Ohio. It was a super productive event for us. While there, Helen and I did preparatory work for the next year in worship. It was also a time for planning in other areas.

I took a class in sacraments, which was most stimulating. I also spent about eight hours a day in the library working on sermon themes and some writing I've been wanting to do. The beautiful worship services each morning and evening made it the perfect retreat setting. I'm very grateful for the whole event. I know the church will benefit for our having been there. I've been looking for such a retreat setting for years, at which I could pull things together for a year in advance, and this is just about ideal!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. My sermon Sunday will be entitled "Busy Bodies", based on Luke 10:38-42. Are you a Mary or a Martha?

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PRAYER SERVICE, SUNDAY, 6:15 - 7:00 P.M.

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled". Matthew 5:6.

Prayer is hunger and thirst. Prayer is our demand on life, elevated, purified, and aware of a Divine Alliance.

SYMPATHY

Our prayers go up for the family of Doris Richard whose funeral was conducted by Dr. Hamm Tuesday, July 22.

DISCIPLES NEWS SERVICE

INDIANAPOLIS, IN -- The Middle East Council of Churches may be the only organization in Lebanon that represents a hope for internal unity in that area of the world, according to Dale L. Bishop, New York, N.Y., Middle East executive for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ.

This was one of the observations he made after three meetings in Cyprus recently. Bishop reported on these meetings to the boards of the Disciples' Division of Overseas Ministries and the UCC'S United Church Board for World Ministries when they met here June 19-22.

The council, he said, also may be the only hope of international solidarity in the Middle East.

Because the divisions in Lebanon between various religious and political groups are deep enough to result in boundaries within the city dividing people of different faiths, it is difficult to work with all of the separate groups of Lebanese society, according to Bishop.

"Just about the only one with the trust of the various groups is the Middle East Council of Churches because of their work in the past." The council is so trusted that the United Nations High Commission for Refugees is conducting more of its Middle East work through the MECC, according to Bishop.

With the continuation of conflict there, hostage-takings and the departure of foreigners, the Lebanese people increasingly are feeling isolated, Bishop said.

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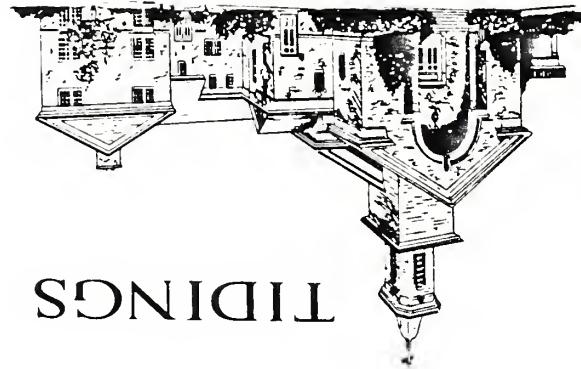
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M. Busse, C. Falbe, S. Zimmerman,  
M. Hamm

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J. Proegler

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**GREETERS**

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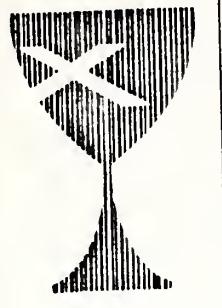
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### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP-7/20/86

Clayton Yoquelet, 7314 Bluffton Rd.;  
 Doug & Robin Campbell, Aledo, ILL; Ellis,  
 Judi, Norma Gaddy, Earlville, ILL;  
 Kathryn Lybarger, Montgomery, ALA; James  
 Clark, Indianapolis, IN; Margaret Moss-  
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## MIRIAM BIXENMAN MADE MINISTER EMERITUS, PEG BUSKIRK HONORED

By unanimous vote of the Board, Miriam was made Minister Emeritus of First Christian Church, Sunday, during 10:45 a.m. service. Miriam was ordained in 1969 and served as Minister of Christian Education from 1969-1978. She has been a valuable member of First since returning to Fort Wayne in 1980.

Peg Buskirk was honored along with Miriam in a reception after worship for 41 years of faithful service to First. Peg & Miriam are moving to Florida in August.

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COFFEE HOUR HONORING JIM & BECKY STUCKY will be hosted by the choir on August 10 following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Becky has been a member of First Christian Church all of her life, and Jim & Becky have participated in the choir for many years, and they have been involved in many other areas of the church!

NAOMI GROUP will meet at Genevieve Ripple's, 3405 Central Drive, on Thursday, August 7, at 9:30 a.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Burt & Connie Long are the proud new parents of Chad Alan, born Thursday at Lutheran!

## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers are directed to the family of Gene Harter, who died last week. His wife, Jenny, is a member of First Christian Church, and son Glen attends here.

## CHECKS DEDICATED

In worship Sunday, the following outreach checks were dedicated: Church Finance Council - \$2,146.38 (one of twelve), Allen County Jail Ministry - \$300.00 (one of four), Associated Churches - \$1,325.00 (one of four).

First Christian reaches out!

## EUNICE CONRAD TEACHING IN CHINA

Dick has received correspondence from Eunice, who is teaching in the People's Republic of China this summer. She will return to Fort Wayne August 21. She reports that she is working well with her fellow team teachers. They are teaching english, and sharing their faith as opportunity arises.

Eunice reported a light cold, but she is otherwise healthy and thriving. Pray for her!

## THANK YOU

Thanks to Kris Ohneck for organizing the reception for Peg and Miriam Sunday. Thanks also to the Mildreds, and Dorothy Overmyer, Becky Stucky, and Delores Keebortz for assisting. Thanks to Elinor Place for the lovely cakes.

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My child, \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) has my permission to attend the following August Adventures outings sponsored by First Christian Church:

- August 3, "Clown Sunday"
- August 10, "Track and Field Sunday"
- August 17, "Nature Sunday"
- August 24, "Music Sunday"
- August 31, "Class Parties"

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



ONLY after every resonable attempt has been made to contact you in the case of an emergency will medical treatment be sought.

IN THE CASE I cannot be reached and emergency medical treatment is necessary I give my permission for such treatment:

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent's Signature)

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OUR WORLD IS GOD'S WORLD: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 18-22, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 a.m. - noon; Tuesday, & Thursday, 9:00 - 2:30. Cost is \$2.00 per child, with \$5.00 maximum for a family. Registration limited, so register now! Deadline: August 13.

My child has my permission to attend VBS and the field trips Aug. 18-22, 1986:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Next Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any health problems (allergies, etc.) which might limit or effect your child's participation in Vacation Bible School activities?

In the case of an emergency or sudden illness our procedure will be to contact you immediately. If no one answers at the above home phone number we should call \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone #), and ask for \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witness to parent's signature)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING TRAINING

On Saturday, September 6, from 9:00 a.m. to noon the Associated Churches will sponsor a teacher training event, "Making Good Use of Your Church Curriculum". Each teacher is to bring a copy of the curriculum you are using in your class. Linn Bartling, Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church will be the workshop instructor. To register, call the church office and we will register you and pay your registration fee. Hope you can make this useful workshop!

HEY YOUTH!

This Sunday, August 3, we are going to have a party. It will be at the church starting at 7:15 p.m. Bring records or tapes, some money for pizza, and any games you want to play. This will be our final summer meeting so come and bring a friend!

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For more information, call Helen Donnell, 432-0152.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

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8:15 A.M. William Crouse and  
 Laura York

**10:45 A.M.** Bert Leversee and  
 Bill Franklin

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

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**COUNTERS FOR AUGUST**  
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**GREETERS**

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**COMMUNION PREPARATION****C. Miller & Stovers****COFFEE HOUR HOSTS****Dwain & Kathy Graham****COUNTERS FOR AUGUST**

Chip & Becca Olson & Wayne & Liz Johnson

**BIRTHDAYS** August 8-14  
 Ron Elliott (8)  
 Elizabeth Moody (8)  
 Betty Briggs (9)  
 Linda Favory (9)  
 Joe Manachak (9)  
 Alice Sturgis (9)  
 Charlene Craig (10)  
 Beverly Johnston (10)  
 Alice Nulff (10)  
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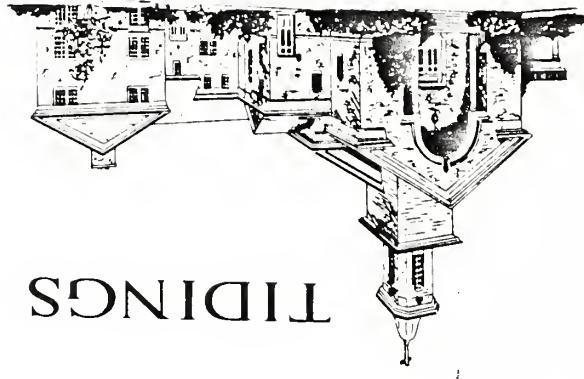
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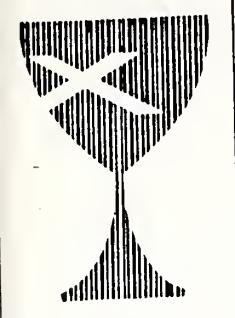
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Phyllis Tryon, 2937 Westbrook Drive, #420 46805, united with First Christian Church last Sunday by transfer of membership. We are happy to have Phyllis back with us after many years away. Welcome!

FLOWERS EACH SUNDAY in the Sanctuary is a new goal of our Worship Committee. To augment this we have selected Flowers and Barbara, 4304 Fairfield. The cost is \$15.00. As this is not in the Worship Committee budget, we hope through all of you it will be selfsustaining. It is a lovely way to add to the service while honoring family members or special occasions. After the services the flowers will be yours. A flower chart will be available at the church or you can phone Erma Vanderwall 484-7878 (evenings). This will start the first Sunday in September. That date is already taken but all others are open. May we hear from you soon so your preference will be available. It will be in each Sunday's bulletin who has given the flowers and the reason given unless otherwise requested.

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Call Karla Dyer at the church office for more information (744-3239). No RSVP needed.

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For more information call Helen Donnell at 432-0152.

There are children who would enjoy participating in the Shalom Choir for the Festival of Peace and Understanding but who need transportation. If your child wishes to take part, and/or if you can help carpool, please call Helen Donnell at 432-0152.

### THANK YOU

We wish to thank all who expressed concern and sympathy at the recent passing away of Doris, my wife and partner and mother.

Ralph Richard and Family

### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 8-3-86

Millie & Don Coffman.

### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meats, Canned Fruit

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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

**Saturday, August 9 — 6 p.m.**  
**5 K Run — IPFW Campus**

**Friday, August 15 — 7 p.m.**  
guest speaker, Dr. Kenneth Boulding — author, peace activist, economist — IPFW Campus Classroom Medical Building, Lecture Hall

**Saturday, August 16 — 7 p.m.**  
The Al Stiles Talent Show — IPFW Campus — Walb Union

**Sunday, August 17 — 5 p.m.**  
Independence Day Celebration of India — IPFW Campus Walb Union

**Sunday, August 17 — 6:30 p.m.**  
All-City Multi-Choir Celebration Foellinger Outdoor Theatre

**FREE Admission (except race)**

**Plus Much More**

**For more information,  
call (219) 481-6171**

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Someone asked me about income tax laws as they affect ministers. There is so much misunderstanding and so much bad press about fraudulent abuse of the lay by "pseudo-ministers" that I think I'll take this space to explain just what the law is.

Ministers do get an income tax break, but the savings are given back to the government through another tax. On the one hand, I do not pay income tax on the portion of my income that is used to provide housing for myself. I must declare what portion of my income is to be considered housing allowance in advance of the tax year, and then I can deduct only that amount I can demonstrate (with receipts) was actually used for housing. On the other hand, I have to pay "Self-Employment" tax, which makes no sense to me, since I am obviously not self-employed. This self-employment tax is actually social security tax, but instead of the church paying half and the minister half (as with other employers-employees), the minister pays the full amount.

Most years, my savings in income tax and my loss to self-employment tax almost exactly balance each other out, which means I pay taxes just like everyone else.

I have always felt they should simplify the tax code for ministers and remove the housing allowance and reduce the self-employment tax to what other employees pay as social security tax, but I'm hesitant to lobby for such a change fearful they'll change one (the deduction) but not the other (the self-employment tax)!

The opportunity for fraud arises when someone claims to be ordained by some church or other (usually having a certificate of ordination purchased for \$20.00 from some store front operation in California!) and when this person exercises a once in a lifetime opportunity to choose not to be covered by Social Security (an option provided for those few ministers who have moral objections to Social Security). In theory every minister gets to choose whether or not to be covered, but once you pay self-employment tax, you've made your choice and, realistically, few young ministers have any moral objection (although many have financial objections!) or are aware they can choose.

Confused? Don't feel bad.....there's a lot of it going around, especially in April!  
See you soon.

Love,

*Dick*

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A BIG THANK YOU

Peggy and I want to thank all of you, and especially Kris Ohneck and her membership Committee, for the beautiful coffee hour July 27. The entire day was wonderful and a real joy.

I feel especially honored to be named Minister Emeritus of this church, which has been so special to me these past 18 years.

Our new address will be 8709 E. S.W. 96th St., Ocala, FL 32676. We truly hope to hear from you and will be most interested in reading Tidings each week and watching the progress and growth of this, our church.

Whenever any of you come to Florida, stop by to see us. Leave I-75 at the Ocala exit (state road 200) and go west about 5½ miles to "On Top of the World". We'll be looking for you.

Miriam Bixenman and Peggy Buskirk

OUR WORLD IS GOD'S WORLD: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 18-22, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 a.m. - noon; Tuesday, & Thursday, 9:00 - 2:30. Cost is \$2.00 per child, with \$5.00 maximum for a family. Registration limited, so register now! Deadline: August 13. Forms available in church office.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and  
Don Parlette  
10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson and  
Miriam Bixenman  
DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Kelly-SW, G. Brown-NW,  
L. Strickland, M. Novachcoff  
10:45 A.M. J. McGrew-SW, J. Wagon-  
er-SE, G. Lantz-NE, M. Mullen, C.  
Falbe, M. Callahan, S. Callahan

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,  
J. Proegler  
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. West-  
erfield, B. Haines  
GREETERS

## HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Johnson -- S. Englehart  
E. Klepper -- B. Grimm  
W. Johnson -- M. Hutchinson  
L. York -- K. Tobias  
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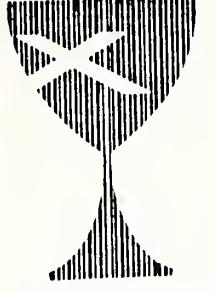
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## RECEPTION FOR KARLA DYER

Karla Dyer has served as our summer intern since the end of May, and she has been a delight to work with. Sunday, August 17, will be her last day with us, so we will have a small reception for her during coffee hour. Come and say "good-by" and "thanks"!

## SINGLES!

Our group will meet for a cook-out at Diane Rosener's place, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 24. Call 744-3239 to RSVP.

Hope to see you there! Guests and all interested singles are welcome.

## SECRET PLACE AVAILABLE

The September-November quarter of the Secret Place Devotional booklet is now available at the church in the narthex or the south window. Get your copy this Sunday!

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FLOWERS EACH SUNDAY in the Sanctuary is a new goal of our Worship Committee. To augment this we have selected Flowers and Barbara, 4304 Fairfield. The cost is \$15.00. As this is not in the Worship Committee budget, we hope through all of you it will be selfsustaining. It is a lovely way to add to the service while honoring family members or special occasions. After the services the flowers will be yours. A flower chart will be available at the church or you can phone Erma Vanderwall 484-7878 (evenings). This will start the first Sunday in September. That date is already taken but all others are open. May we hear from you soon so your preference will be available. It will be in each Sunday's bulletin who has given the flowers and the reason given unless otherwise requested.

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 19 - 6:35 p.m. Tillman #3 (we provide ump for 5:25 p.m.)

Tuesday, August 26 - 6:00 p.m. Franke (we provide ump at 7:15 p.m.)

Tuesday, Sept. 2 - 9:45 p.m. Lawton #3

## MEN'S RETREAT

The Regional Christian Men's Fellowship will be gathering for retreat at Barbee September 19-21. All men are invited. Its a great opportunity for fellowship and inspiration. Call Dick Hamm to register or for more information.

## YOU'RE INVITED

The congregation, families, friends, neighbors are invited to Measure Him Right, a program of powerful readings and music wrapped around the theme of loving and caring of each other and all those in our world. It will be held at the Foellinger Theater, Franke Park, this Sunday evening at 6:30, and is the culminating celebration of the events of the Festival of Peace and Understanding which is going on in Fort Wayne all of this week. Several of our congregation are taking part -- Curt Miller, Don Parlette, Bob Orr, Dave Orr, and members of the Chancel Choir and of the Celebration. All city adult and childrens choir will sing together supported by combos and a brass quartet, and the Clowns of the Cross will also pay a wonderful visit. Do come and enjoy!

## THANK YOU

I want to thank many friends at First Christian Church for the cards, visits, calls and prayers, and special thanks to Dick and Don and also Gini Brown.

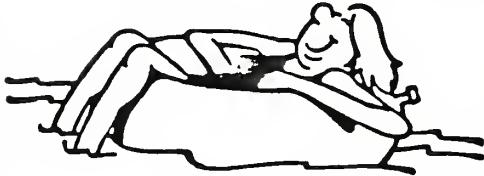
Love to All,  
Ellyn Kreischer

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My child, \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) has my permission to attend the following August Adventures outings sponsored by First Christian Church:

August 3, "Clown Sunday"  
 August 10, "Track and Field Sunday"  
 August 17, "Nature Sunday"  
 August 24, "Music Sunday"  
 August 31, "Class Parties"

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



ONLY after every resonable attempt has been made to contact you in the case of an emergency will medical treatment be sought.

IN THE CASE I cannot be reached and emergency medical treatment is necessary I give my permission for such treatment:

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent's Signature)

## REGISTER FOR AUGUST ADVENTURES!

Children age 3 through grade 5 (last school year) are invited to August Adventures every Sunday in August from 9:30 to noon. Wear gym shoes and casual clothes. Return the above sheet to the church office or give it to Don, or call in reservations and bring this signed slip with your child on Sunday. THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR EXTENDED SESSION DURING AUGUST!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 8-10-86

Paul Blackburn, 928 W. DeWald; Gene Dominique, 3328 Oak Borough Run; Vernon & Charlotte Larson, 1503 E. Paulding Road.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, my family and I should be headed home. I should be refreshed and should have rekindled old friendships at my 20th High School Class Reunion. I have faith that all this will be so as I write this before leaving for vacation.

I'm looking forward to this Sunday, August 17, because I want to share an idea with you that is new to me, although it's really as old as the New Testament. My sermon will be about faith healing! Now that should be good for a few double takes! You'll have to wait till Sunday to get the details!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. It's time for me to issue a periodic warning: do not count on the hospitals to notify us that you are there. Yes, they ask for your church affiliation (always put First Christian Church), but sometimes the call doesn't get made, sometimes they call the wrong church, sometimes they don't reach us. Please notify the church office yourself, or tell one of the pastors. We want to minister to you in the hospital, and it's very frustrating to find that we missed the opportunity. Thanks!

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Hi!

Summer sure has gone fast! I feel like I'm just beginning and yet I am ending. I have enjoyed being here this summer and I have learned a lot. I appreciate all the help you have given me. Through your confidence in me, I have been able to build my own confidence. I want to take a moment to tell you what I plan to do from now on. Of course, first I have 6-7 years of school left before I receive my Master of Divinity degree and can be ordained. I want to work as a minister in a church with an emphasis on youth and counseling. I also love drama so I will be exploring new ways to use it in ministry. I know that even if my plans change, I will never forget my intern experience or First Christian. I am sure if you get another intern (which I hope you do) she or he will be met with the same love and patience that has greeted me. I'd like to leave you with a little saying that has helped me when I become discouraged. It's by Helen Steiner Rice "Great is your gladness, Rich your reward when you make your life's purpose the choice of the Lord." Take care!

Love,

*Karla*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

An ancient story is told about the Roman emperor Hadrian. He was riding to war when he passed an old man planting a fig seedling in a garden. The emperor stopped his horse and asked "why in your old age do you work so zealously? Do you expect to eat the fruit from the tree you are planting?"

The old man rose slowly to his feet and said, "If it be God's will, I shall eat of it; if not, my sons will enjoy it."

It is often difficult for us to see beyond the horizons of our own life, or of our own generation. I know that in the year 2023 I will (God willing) be seventy years old, and everything that happens from here to there is important to me, whether it is war or peace, famine or plenty, environmental maintenance or ecological disaster: These will bear on my life and my generation.

But these events will effect humanity for the rest of its years, just as our lives are shaped by the events of 24 B.C., 86 A.D., 1086 or 1886. We are not isolated lives, but part of an ever flowing stream, unbroken and deepening or clogging the channels through which future generations will flow.

## SERVING AUGUST 17

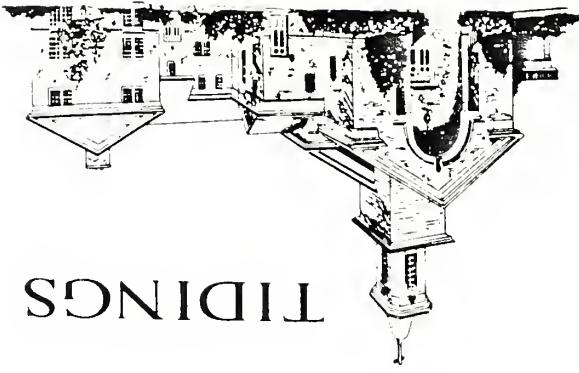
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10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and  
 Rolland Ripple

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**  
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10:45 A.M. S. Englehart-SW, B. Wiltfong-NW, R. Krull-SE, C. Miller-NE, L. Stover, R. Stover, J. Ohneck, K. Ohneck

**USHERS**  
8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, C. Byrket

**GREETERS**  
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, M. Westerfield, K. Taylor

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8:15 A.M. Bev & Bob Hendricks

10:45 A.M. George Davis

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**  
 D. Graham & J. Kelly

## IN HOSPITALS

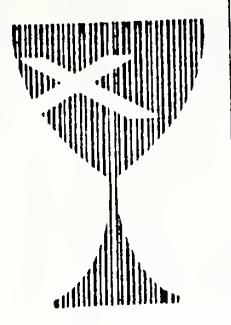
**ST. JOSEPH:**  
204 - Mrs. Lillian Breeden

Do you have some comfortable furniture you could donate? "721 Place", a drop-in center for teens focusing on the issue of preventing teenage pregnancy, is wanting donations of comfortable, useable couches and chairs. If you have something you can donate, please call the church office. Don Wiltfong is chairman of the board of directors for this project of the Coalition for Youth Services.

**TEACHERS MEETING: Discipline!**  
 The first teachers' meeting of the year will be August 25 at 7:00 P.M. We will discuss "classroom discipline". Hope you can be there! (Babysitting provided!)

Eunice Conrad will arrive back in Fort Wayne on Thursday, August 21, 10:00 P.M. on the United flight from Denver!

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CLEAR DAY for church leaders, Saturday, September 13. Call Dick for details and registration.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 26

Evangelism Committee will not meet!

## ELDERS' MEETING, Tuesday, August 26, 8:00 p.m.

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD, Tuesday, August 26, 6:00 p.m.

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CHANCEL CHOIR - FIRST PRACTICE  
August 28 - 7:00 p.m.  
Bring a Friend!

## THANK YOU!

We wish to thank all the members of this church family for remembering us while we were ill this spring.

Don & Valetta Parlette

## SYMPTAHY

Our sympathy is extended to David Griggs and his family in the recent death of his mother, Goldie.

## AFRICAN UPDATE - FROM RELIEF TO DEVELOPMENT

The best rains in many years has fallen in Africa in 1986. The transformation in drought stricken countries has been spectacular. The harvest in the Sahel was over 50% higher than the year before. As a result the food outlook is much brighter.

The crisis, however, is not over. In countries where food supplies are not secure (Ethiopia, Sudan, Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, and Cape Verde) relief efforts are still urgently needed. In many other countries seed supplies need to be restocked, surplus must be stored and distributed, animal herds must be protected against disease, improved farming practices must be introduced, trees must be planted, water sources and distribution systems must be developed, and basic agricultural improvements must be made available at the village level.

Good weather alone will not solve the problem of hunger in Africa. Although the rains have returned, trends continue which may lead to disaster.

Emergency relief by Disciples and others has saved lives and made it possible for people who had left home to find food to return and begin to re-establish themselves. There was an overwhelming response by people of good will and compassion. But the crisis did not occur overnight and has not ended. The world's fastest rate of population growth, combined with a decade long decline in per capita food production was merely ignited into emergency by the drought. Hunger and serious human need will continue to stalk the African continent for the foreseeable future. In partnership with Christian colleague agencies, we will continue to work for rehabilitation and development that will result in food production, water resource development and protection of the environment.

## PROMOTION SUNDAY

This year promotion Sunday will be on Sunday, September 7. All children's classes and their parents will meet in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour and honor those individuals from beginners through high school. Refreshments will be served and we hope to see you all there!

The Christian Education Committee



**Saturday**  
**September 13, 1986**

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I don't usually refer directly to the actions of politicians, because I do not in any way wish to appear politically partisan. However, occasionally I feel the need to make such a direct reference.

Specifically, I am most impressed by and appreciative of Senator Lugar's commitment to ending apartheid in South Africa and the leadership he has exerted in the Senate and the Foreign Relations Committee. He has proposed, and successfully moved through the Senate, a set of meaningful economic sanctions. It is obvious to me that Botha's government will do nothing, fundamentally, about ending apartheid or sharing power with the 80% of the population that is black until it absolutely has to do something. While Lugar's sanctions will not, by themselves, force a change, they do send an important signal of moral leadership to the rest of the world community, and they will help the Botha government know that they will need to be prepared to face increasing isolation from the rest of the world if they do not address these issues of justice.

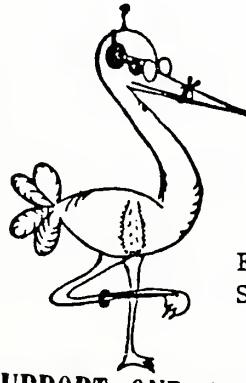
So, even at the risk of sounding partisan (which I am not), I want to say "Attaboy Senator Lugar! This is what leadership is all about!"

We did have a great vacation and I feel really refreshed. Thanks for making that possible.

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*



**SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER**

MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Edsall House Apartments  
Building C, meeting room  
310 W. Berry  
(Park in Ewing Street Lot)  
MEMBERS: Any person who has had a stroke, their family, and anyone interested in stroke.  
DUES: \$2 per year per family + 10¢ coffee donation

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Bring stroke people & their families together to aid each other and have fun.
2. Active participation in the club by those who have had strokes.
3. Provide information about strokes and stroke rehabilitation (professional people in the community act as resource speakers.)
4. Give new hope to recent stroke patients and their families and encourage them to work actively at self-improvement.
5. Inform the community about strokes, the victims of strokes and the rehabilitation process.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Lucille Hess - Advisor (after 4:00 p.m.)  
3439 Glenhurst  
484-4430

## SERVING AUGUST 24

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and  
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Eileen Klepfer and  
Chip Olson

8:15 A.M. M. Novachcoff-SW, L.  
Strickland, B. Grimm, J. Kelly

10:45 A.M. M. Hamm-SW, M. Mullen-  
NW, D. Mey-SE, M. Busse-NE, J.  
Lindsay, B. Lindsay, T. Pfennig,  
W. Westerfield

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouf,  
J. Proegler

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wc-  
terfield, B. Haines, E. Kreisic

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION  
B. Franklin - K. Perkins  
D. Parlette - J. McGrew  
S. Hayes - E. Snouffer  
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8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
4:00 P.M. Singles Group at Diane  
Rosener's for a cook-out

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 P.M. Calling Night  
7:00 P.M. Teacher's meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

6:00 P.M. Bread for the World  
6:00 P.M. Softball Game at Franke  
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Evangelism  
Committee will not meet)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

8:30 A.M. D.M.A. to the Augurn-Cord-  
Duesenberg Festival

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Family Camp at Barbee

BIRTHDAYS August 29-September 4

Oakley Baugher (29)  
Clarence Hendrickson (29)  
Miriam Bixenman (30)  
Barb Hayes (31)  
Gene Shirley (31)  
Mildred Jewell (1)  
Ruby Johns (1)  
Mildred Sarrasin (1)  
Thomas Penny (1)  
Raymond Sarrasin (2)  
Grace Truby (2)  
Evelyn Yeoman (2)  
Pauline Snyder (3)  
Diane Mory (4)  
Gloria Phillips (4)  
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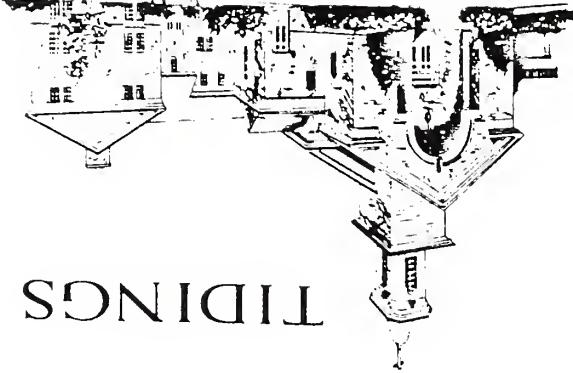
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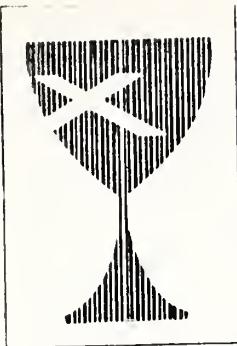
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Meats, Canned Fruit

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## TIDINGS



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Lana Fanger united by transfer from a Methodist background in Cincinnati this Sunday. She and her children live at 340 S. Cornell Circle 07, phone - 744-4093. Welcome Lana!

## WELCOME OLD MEMBER!

Liz Armstrong joined this congregation last year and then had to move to North Carolina. She's back! Welcome Liz! She's living at 5102 Holton Avenue, phone - 745-7131.

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Eunice Conrad has returned from a summer of teaching english in Red China. We look forward to pictures and stories!

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The Christian Education Committee

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I have a real sense of hopefulness about the new church year now about to begin. I have a clearer sense of priorities for my own use of time than I have felt for some time. It's interesting how some things within yourself cannot be "forced". I'm referring in this case to priorities.

That is, one can make up all kinds of lists of priorities. But until you are really ready to make those things your priorities, you continue to make other things your priorities by your actions. As Shakespear said, "the readiness is all". Indeed.

Several things have contributed to my readiness. One is my 20th high school reunion, which helped me sort through some "old business". Another was my visit with my parents and my brother. Another was the fact that I worked myself to exhaustion before leaving on vacation (something has to give!). There are other factors, but they all had to converge in order for me to be ready to change.

I wonder what changes you want to make in your life? What do you still need to do in order to be truly ready to change.

One son said "Yes, I'll go", but he didn't. The other said, "No", but later went and did as his father asked. Sometimes we even have to say "no" in order to be able to say "yes".

The readiness is all. What do you still need to do to get ready?

See you Sunday!

Love,



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**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Homer Stevenson in the death of Hortense. Her funeral was at the church on August 20.

We also remember Delores Keebortz, whose father died after a long illness in Kentucky.

CHANCEL CHOIR - FIRST PRACTICE

August 28 - 7:00 p.m.

No Age Limit!

No Talent Limit!

Everyone Welcome!

Party After in Fellowship Hall

**UPCOMING EVENT:**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 at 4:30 p.m. ALL CHURCH EVENT.

Did you know...

that all women of the church are automatically members of CWF? Exercise your automatic membership - attend meetings!!

**AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 8-24-86**

Mrs. Marline Hine, 1530 Riviera Drive; Mr. & Mrs. Dan Writt, David, Ann, & Sara Lindsay, Athens, Georgia; Joe, Ben, & Matt Wagoner, Columbia City, Indiana.

## SERVING AUGUST 31

### ELDERS

<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Laura York and Merle Grimm
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Pat Mullen and Sam Hayes
	<b>DIACONATE &amp; GREETERS</b>
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	G. Brown-SW, B. Grimm-NW, M. Snouffer, E. Snouffer
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	L. Lewis-SW, K. Perkins-NW, D. Graham-SE, K. Tobias-NE, B. Wiltfong, C. Miller, D. Knudsen, M. Mullen

### USHERS

<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	D. Smith, E. Snouffer, <u>Charles Byrket</u>
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	H. Stevenson, W. Westfield, H. Nordblom

### GREETERS

<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Neva Mennewisch
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Linda & Jack Hayes
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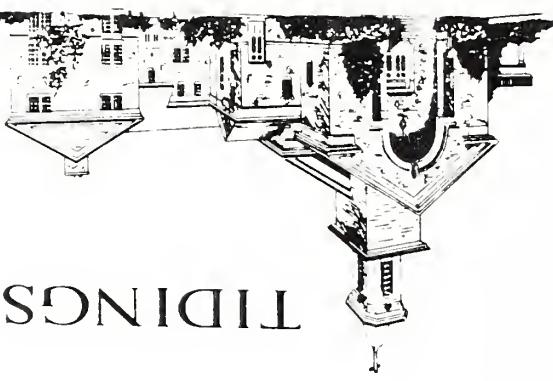
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	Mrs. Ethel Birkhold

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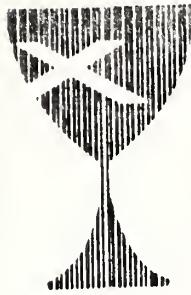
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	<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1</b>
	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2</b>
	9:45 P.M. Softball Game at Lawton #3
	<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4</b>
	9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle at Genevieve Ripple, 3405 Central Drive

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	September 5-September 11
	Nila Schilling (5)
	Debbie Knudsen (5)
	Michael Gardiner (6)
	Gary York (6)
	Pat Norman (7)
	Nellie Roe (7)
	Doretha Baker (8)
	Marilyn Rayl (8)
	Kris Ohneck (9)
	Val Williams (10)
	Richard Penny (11)



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jill Franklin and John Hine transferred their membership from Broadway Christian this Sunday. Jill and John will be married here later this month. Welcome!

Mike Piatt also transferred his membership Sunday from a Catholic and Baptist background. He is living at 2220 Opeeche 08, phone 478-1215. Welcome!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

This Sunday, September 7 will be Promotion Sunday. All children and parents are invited to attend a continental breakfast during the Sunday School hour, from 9:30-10:30. At that time we will award certificates to those who have attended Sunday School in the past year, recognize promotion from one class to another, announce our Nurture Stamps Program, and introduce this year's teachers. Come, have breakfast, and, celebrate our Sunday School!

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NOTES FROM HELEN

Creative Arts in Worship  
for Children K-5th grade

The theme for this year will be "All Good Gifts", and the children will talk about, sing about, draw about, play about wonderful gifts from God--His creation, His Son, His gifts of the Spirit--and about the wonderful gifts they can give back to Him and to each other. One of the purposes of this program is to help the children discover and develop their own gifts! We look forward to beginning on Wednesday, September 10, with supper at 6:00 p.m. and activities following from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Supper will cost \$1.00 for children. See the adjacent page for more details!

ORGAN DEDICATORY CONCERT

Mr. Ken Stein, the Organist and Director of Music at Plymouth Congregational Church, will play the Organ Dedicatory concert at Peace United Church of Christ, 9123 Aboite Center Road, on Sunday, September 14 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Stein, born and raised in New Jersey, graduated from Westminster Choir College in 1982, having won the Alexander McCurdy Competition in organ. At Plymouth Congregational Church he oversees nine choirs and a concert program. He also serves as organist and choir director at Temple Achduth Vesholom.

HELPING HANDS

Over 7000 pieces of mail, covering all programs and activities beginning the first of September at First Christian Church, are in the hands of our neighbors because the following people said "Yes---I'll help": Earl Plummer, Sara Mullen, Genevieve and Rolland Ripple, Ruth Yost, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Deloris and Don Anspach, Mabel Watson, Grace Truby, Gini Brown, Jo Weyer, Linda and Alisha Stover, Mary Cook, Dorothy Schmidt, Jewel Byrket, Kate Cullen, Jackie Keller, Bill and Hazel Crouse, Leotha Jones, Mary Sue Ludwig, Mindy, David, and Laura Hamm, and Ken Taylor.

I can only say "THANKS", you are very "SPECIAL" people.

Bette Haines

SYMPATHY

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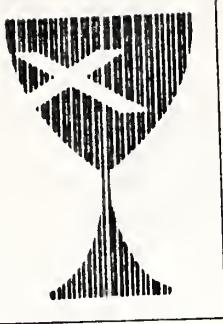
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Peggy Bierman, RR, Fort Wayne; Robert Barnes, Fort Wayne; H. C. George, 4033 Gaywood Drive; Mark and Terri Gilley, 7931 Serenity Drive; Mrs. Maxine Gordon, 4538 S. Calhoun; Glenn and Wilma Miller; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Piatt, 2220 Opeechee Way; Miss Evelyn Gard, Three Rivers Apts #315; Judy Mathis, Delphi, Indiana; Marjorie Cox, Syracuse, Indiana

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Noodles, Rice, Fruit Juice





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## SINGLES

The group will meet Sunday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., at Greg Showalter's place, 6510 Covington Road. We will have a look at the situation in South Africa. We will also decide about a fund raising project for Campus Ministry in Fort Wayne.

Visitors and guests are always welcome! Call Dick Hamm for more information at 744-3239. We had a dozen of us at the cook out Sunday! Thanks to Diane Rosener for hosting us.

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT RIDES AGAIN!

Now that summer's over (sob), its time for PNO to crank up again! This is a program of fun and fellowship for parents. All parents are welcome. We meet every third Friday.

This month, we'll meet Friday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. at the church to go to the "Back 40", and then will return to the church to see a movie. (Save room for popcorn!)

Please call your RSVP to the office (744-3239) by noon, September 18.

## ACOLYTE TRAINING

All new acolytes or those who would "just like to practice" are requested to attend a training session. Please meet at the back of the sanctuary this Sunday after the 10:45 p.m. service or Wednesday evening, September 17 at 5:30 p.m.

## SIGN UP FOR PHOTO TIME THIS SUNDAY!

Our church is going to publish a new pictorial directory--IN COLOR! It will contain your family portrait; the other families of the church; the church staff; and a complete roster of the church membership. What a wonderful way for our new members to get acquainted with our church family, and it will be a valuable keepsake for all of us. Best of all, it's being done at no cost to you. You can select the time you want by signing up. Several locations are set up for you to register before and after church.

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AN ESTIMATED 80,000 CHILDREN under age four go blind each year due to a lack of Vitamin A. By using CROP's vegetable seeds, families can have more Vitamin A in their diets. To begin our CROP Walk on Sunday, October 5th, we'll start at the Foellinger Theatre at Franke Park. To sign up, or to sponsor a walker, call the church office or contact Don Wiltfong.



Reconciliation can help "change the picture" for millions of people who live below the poverty level. Programs offering employment, education, child care and legal assistance help people caught in poverty conditions because of racism.

Sept. 28—Oct. 5, 1986

#### STEWARDSHIP

We all have a financial responsibility to give to the church.... there is no other way to pay bills except through the financial stewardship of the congregation and stewardship is first of all a spiritual issue. But how much? Some of us can afford more than others, some less. That's why this church supports the concept of percentage giving. If we all give a fixed percent of our income then the individual commitment is the same even if the dollar amount is different. Let's seek to grow by 1% of our income per year till we reach that Biblical goal of 10% (the tithe).

The Stewardship Committee

#### PRESCHOOL OPENING

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#### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 9-7-86

Thomas & Beth Foltz, 12615 Tonkel Road; Mildred Meese, 1940-1 Fox Point Tr.; Glenda Ohneck, 811 Tennessee #106; Matthew Bonahoom, Columbus, Ohio.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

My, but it was wonderful to have the choir back in action Sunday, wasn't it!? Thirty voices lifting praise to God is pretty hard to beat! We do appreciate your time, effort, talent, and dedication, choir.

Progress is being made on our Capital Projects. Take a look at the new light on the front of the church! It is especially lovely at night. This has been given by Sarah Smith and Ethel Shroyer in memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Harry V. Shroyer. Thanks also to Jean and Charles McGrew who arranged for the purchase and delivery of the fixture.

We hope to see roofers here this week, and the final plans for the elevator are posted in the Fellowship Hall for you to see. Capital projects always take longer to complete than you think they will, but we're going as fast as we can, responsibly. Ralph Church, Capital Projects Chairman, will give a more complete briefing Sunday. Early fulfillment of pledges (by those who are able) will save the church interest money.

Well, Fall is here, ready or not! And our program is cranking up! Choose to participate in programs that will enrich your life, and choose to serve as you are able, that the church may move forward!

See you Sunday!

Love,



P.S. Sunday I'll be preaching a sermon entitled "God's Lost & Found". Read Luke 15:1-10.

THE ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

October 5th, Associated Churches is sponsoring a fund raising 10K Hunger Walk in conjunction with CROP, the fund raising arm of Church World Service. I want First Christian Church to be well represented in this walk and here are 6 reasons why:

1. CHURCH WORLD SERVICE is a widely recognized, ecumenical agency which works hand in hand with 31 denominations, including the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It also has one of the lowest overhead cost factors among relief organizations, which means that almost 90¢ of every dollar given goes directly for aid--not to staff salaries or fund raising costs.

2. Hunger is an ever present problem, which Church World Service addresses in three ways: it provides RELIEF, immediate emergency help in disaster situations; it provides REHABILITATION to help prevent disaster situations; and it works with REFUGEES, both in camps and in resettling them.

3. This IS NOT A YOUTH PROJECT. Because we are trying to reach the community, we want ADULT WALKERS, as well as youth. You adults can most effectively find sponsors from outside our congregation. We are not trying to take another special offering in our congregation--we want Allen County to share its resources!

4. Our efforts will not only bring help for hungry people in far off places because 25% of the amount raised will be used for LOCAL hunger relief, including the Associated Churches food bank system.

5. This is a way for YOU to be involved, to get out and do something for hunger. By getting sponsors and walking you are not only giving, but multiplying your giving by presenting the opportunity to give to others!

6. Your friends and neighbors can specify that their contributions go to an AGENCY OF THEIR CHOICE other than Church World Service such as Lutheran World Relief, Catholic Relief Services, CARE, Project Hope, and others. The main thing is, we do not have to feel helpless about helping hungry people. We can work together to relieve hunger and help prevent future food problems by participating in this CROP walk. If you can't walk 10K (approximately 2/3 of 10 miles), then please sponsor someone. But we mainly need Walkers! If you can walk October 5, contact the church office or talk to me. You can make a difference!



## SERVING SEPTEMBER 14

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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		SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
<b>ELDERS</b>		
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Bud Ludwig and Don Parlette	8:15 A.M. First Worship 9:30 A.M. Church School
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Bill Franklin and Wayne Johnson	10:45 A.M. Second Worship 4:30 P.M. Ice Cream Social - Family Event
<b>DIACONATE &amp; GREETERS</b>		6:15 P.M. Prayer Service
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	M. Snouffer-SW, E. Snouffer-NW, S. Smith, G. Brown	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	R. Stover-SW, L. Stover- NW, E. Conrad-SE, K. Ohneck-NE, J. Ohneck, C. Miller, M. Mullen, S.	7:00 P.M. Calling Night 7:00 P.M. Sarah Group at the church WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
<b>Zimmerman</b>		5:30 P.M. Acolyte Training
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Kate Cullen	6:00 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Bert Leversee	6:30 P.M. Making Peace with Parents Sem. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
<b>USHERS</b>		5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Earl Snouffer, Don Smith, Ellyn Kreischer	7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Wes Westerfield, Homer Stevenson, Harold Nordblom, Greg Showalter	6:30 P.M. Parents Night Out Meet at church

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

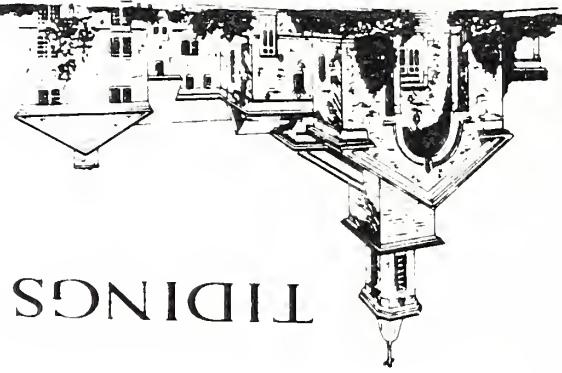
C. Falbe & G. Brown  
COFFEE HOUR HOST  
Anita Ellis

## ACOLYTES

David Hamm and Steve Mullen  
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS  
8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham  
10:45 A.M. Eric Mory

## IN HOSPITALS

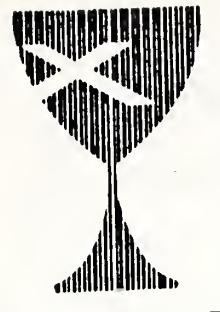
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Vegetables, Noodles, Rice



# First Christian Church

744-3239

"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLIII September 15, 1986 No. 37

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Deb Lester transferred her membership this Sunday from Gainesville, Florida. Deb and her husband, Art, live at 3309 Hoagland Avenue, phone 744-2262. Welcome Deb!

## TRYONS MOVING

Phyllis Tryon who, recently joined First Christian, is moving with her husband to Hot Springs, Arkansas this week. We've enjoyed having Phyllis back with us. Best wishes and God's blessing. (John & Phyllis Tryon, c/o Phil's Trailer City, 938 Whittington Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901.

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, September 19, 6:30 p.m., meet at the church to go to "The Back 40". RSVP by Friday noon!

## SIGN UP FOR PHOTO TIME THIS SUNDAY!

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## SINGLES

The group will meet Sunday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., at Greg Showalter's place, 6510 Covington Road. We will have a look at the situation in South Africa. We will also decide about a fund raising project for Campus Ministry in Fort Wayne.

Visitors and guests are always welcome! Call Dick Hamm for more information at 744-3239.

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ONE OUT OF EVERY SEVEN CITIZENS IN THE UNITED STATES lives below the poverty line. In the Fort Wayne area, food pantries and other emergency food agencies help thousands of people each year. The need is great, and 25% of all funds raised in the CROP Hunger Walk will be used to help food programs in the Fort Wayne area. Join us on Sunday, October 5th! To sign up, or to sponsor a walker, call the office or contact Don Wiltfong.

#### THAT YOU MAY KNOW

As a congregation, we are currently \$4000.00 behind on our actual expenses. Of course, summer is traditionally a slow time for offerings, but now we need to catch up with ourselves. If you are behind in your intended giving for 1986, please make every effort to catch up. Thank you!

#### SERVANT CONGREGATION GATHERING

Would you like to help First Christian find new ways of serving in mission? On Saturday, October 4, we are invited to send a delegation to a Regional Disciple meeting at Rochester First Christian, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to review new ways that congregations can get involved. Call Jerry Zimmerman, Outreach Chairman (744-5698), or Dick Hamm, if you would like to join our delegation!

#### BEFRIENDER'S TRAINING

Would you like to learn how to be more effective and active in reaching out to the sick, the grieved, the lonely? You could assist the church in this ministry. We are offering Befriender's Training for any interested person. This session will take place at St. Joseph Medical Center on four Monday evenings, October 6-27, under the leadership of Doris Mather of the St. Joseph staff.

Join other lay people from several denominations in this useful and creative training. Call Dick Hamm (744-3239) now for more information.

#### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS & HOSTESSES NEEDED

September 28, October 12 and beyond are needed. Sign up for this important role in the Fellowship Hall.

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Val Herendeen, 810 Pasadena; Pete & Susan Geroff, 906 Pasadena; Anne Wietfeldt, 4618 Jason Drive; Hazel Johnson, Indianapolis; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kolmes, Florida.

#### A CHURCH GARDEN

##### Three Rows of Squash

1. Squash indifference.
2. Squash criticism.
3. Squash gossip.

##### Four Rows of Turnips

1. Turn up for meetings.
2. Turn up with a smile.
3. Turn up with a visitor.
4. Turn up with a Bible.

##### Five Rows of Lettuce

1. Let us love one another.
2. Let us welcome strangers.
3. Let us be faithful to duty.
4. Let us truly worship God.
5. Let us give liberally.

#### THE ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

A bishop and a well known astronomer were seated next to one another on an airplane. During the conversation the astronomer said, "I never had much interest in theology. My religion can be summed up by 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you'."

The bishop replied, "well, I've had little time for astronomy. My views are summed up in 'twinkle, twinkle little star'."

So, why teach a class on Theology, as I will be doing beginning October 15?

Because, at its best, one aspect of religion is good, clear thinking about what is most important in the world and in life. The spector of Jim Jones rises up as a terrifying witness to the implications of sloppy, sloshy theology. (Read II Timothy 2:15).

Don't forget to sign up to walk for CROP, October 5!

Slalom! *Don*



Sept. 28—Oct. 5, 1986

## Indiana ministries supported by your 1985 Reconciliation Gifts

The Victim Offender Reconciliation Resource Center in Valpraiso is working to develop local programs around the state and nation that will allow the victim and offender to have a face-to-face meeting in the presence of a trained community mediator. The resource center provides an orderly, intentional process of establishing these low-cost, community based programs.

United Citizens Organization in East Chicago is concerned about the problem and ramifications of high unemployment (25%) in its area. This program addresses the concerns by working on health care issues for the unemployed, intervening in cases of endangered existing jobs, encouraging legislatures on issues of AFDC, foreclosures, and health.

Neighborhood Development through Empowerment in Evansville addresses the problem of unemployment and housing needs through a process of community organizing. This is done by identifying, encouraging and training neighborhood leadership that

researches issues and takes action to solve problems at their roots.

Metro Advocate Ministry in Indianapolis attempts to address the needs of the poor marginal citizens of Marion County by helping families experiencing economic crisis deal with their immediate need and work toward a more self reliant future. The program assists persons in learning how to deal with government assistance agencies, utility companies and housing providers.

Indiana Farm Worker Ministry is an ecumenical ministry based in Indianapolis. This ministry works for changes in the agricultural system so that farm workers are able to negotiate their own wages, living and working conditions. It is hoped such efforts will improve farm worker conditions so that the need for emergency relief is reduced.

United Church Ministries is an organization of churches in North Clark county (Charlestown) working cooperatively to meet the needs of the poor and unemployed in their area. In addition to needed food, clothing and financial assistance,

financial planning and nutritional education are available to encourage independent living.

Homes of Hope is an Indianapolis program addressing the housing needs of low income citizens. The goal is to help a family buy and rehabilitate an existing home or purchase land and construct a new home. Reconciliation money helps provide counsel for the buyer family on the responsibilities of home ownership, proper care of the house and financial planning.

The Latin American Family Education Day Care Center program in Gary provides the only day care service for Hispanic people in the area. The intention is two fold; to provide children a bilingual setting for gradual adjustment to English, and to free a parent to seek possible needed employment or skill training.

Horizon House in Louisville, Kentucky is a three year pilot project assisting some of the transitional homeless of the area in finding mainstream housing. In addition of receiving help in building and owning a home, fami-

lies receive training in maintaining a home, parenting and other means for making the transition from homelessness to having a house of their own.

Monroe County United Ministries School Age Child Care program in Bloomington provides services for low-income families needing child care for school age children during the summer and academic year. In addition, the program works to help children with reading, writing and social skills.

The Minority Economic Development and Assistance Plan in Indianapolis works to offset the elimination of training opportunities necessary for minority groups to participate in the economic marketplace. This program hopes to establish and implement a state-wide non-profit educational training center for the purpose of serving persons who are minorities, women, and disadvantaged so that they may participate in economic development and the marketplace.

## SERVING SEPTEMBER 21

## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	ELDERS
Mark Snyder and	
Mildred Hartman	
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	ROLLAND Ripple and
Pat Mullen	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	DIACONATE & GREETERS
Novachcoff-NW, J. Kelly, G. Brown	L. Strickland-SW, M.
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	B. Lindsay-SW, J.
Lindsay-NW, M. Busse-SE, K. Tobias-NE, M. Hamm, M. Mullen, T. Pfening, W. Westerfield	T. Tobias-SE, K. Hamm, M. Mullen, T. Pfening, W. Westerfield
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	GREETERS
Unice Conrad	Laura York
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	USHERS
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	EARL Snouffer, Don
Smith, Charles Byrket	
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	WES Westerfield, Homer Stevenson, Ken Taylor, Mimi Westerfield

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10:45 A.M. Dick Vandewall  
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION  
D. Keebortz - B. Wiltfong  
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C. Olson - D. Mey

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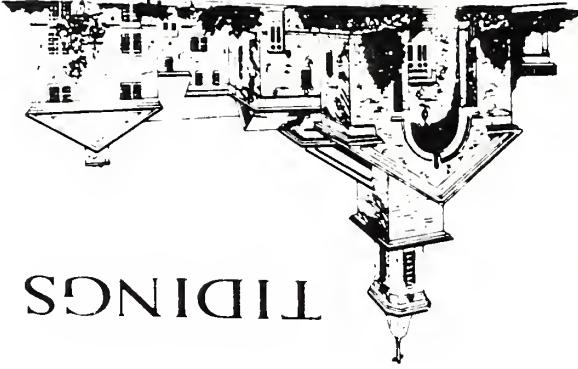
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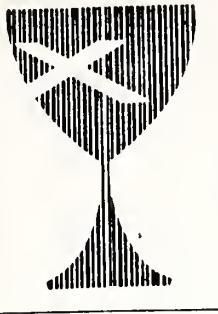
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Don and Sue Oden came by transfer from the United Methodist Church. They live at 4321 Calhoun Street 07, phone - 456-3615. Don sells real estate with Roth & Wehrly and Sue operates "Aunt Sue's Flowers" on Calhoun Street. We welcome Don & Sue to our fellowship!

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## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 24-25 CLARKSVILLE, INDIANA

There's still time to register. Call Dick Hamm for the form and information.

## COMING EVENT!

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Campus Minister  
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September 16, 1986

Rev. Richard Hamm  
First Christian Church  
4800 S. Calhoun Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Dear Rev. Hamm:

Please extend our thanks to the First Christian Church members for your gift in the amount of \$600.00 to Greater Fort Wayne Campus Ministry. It is through generous donations like yours that college students in the Fort Wayne area are able to have Christian ministry in an academic setting.

We appreciate your financial contributions and look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming community programs. God's Blessings and Thank you!

*Betty Dew*

Betty Dew  
Outreach Chairperson

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE TO THE ILLITERATE

One in five adults in the U.S. is functionally illiterate! 20,000 in Allen County are illiterate! Volunteers are needed to serve as Class Tutors (Laubach training required) and Reading Partners (no training required). If you would be interested in how you can help, please call Dick Hamm for information. Faith Methodist is developing a program for our south side of town. Volunteers are asked for one hour a day, five days a week.

CYF

CYF will have a kick-off meeting this Sunday, September 28 at 5:30 p.m.!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kevin Mory has been named Rookie-of-the-Year at Tri-State University. He placed 16th in the national fencing tournament recently held in New York City!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 9-21-86

Duncan & Iris Van Sickle, Kansas City, MO.

STATISTICS

We and the Russians have now amassed an arsenal of more than 50,000 nuclear weapons, in aggregate exceeding 15,000 megatons. All bombs used by all sides in World War II, which killed 50,000,000 people were equivalent to 3 megatons. A war between the USA and the Soviet Union would subject each country to the equivalent of a World War II every hour without interruption for 165 days and nights.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

"Faith healing" is a phrase that conjures up some pretty wild images for most of us. We may think of the circus-like atmosphere so often a part of the traveling salvation and healing "tent shows". Or may think of the myriad of jokes we've heard about faith healers (some of those jokes are pretty good!).

Nevertheless, faith healing is something which is reported by the New Testament, and it is a tradition that has been quietly continued for centuries by many church traditions. Modern medical educators and practitioners have long recognized the connection between the spiritual, the emotional, and the physical. It would be good for the whole Church to take another look at the matter of faith healing, and to recover this spiritual resource from the hucksters and the "wild-eyed".

Beginning October 5, our regular Sunday evening prayer service will be given over, once a month to a service of healing. No, we won't be slapping people on the forehead or shouting "heal!" as though God were deaf! But we will offer a quiet, dignified service of confession and spirit.

This represents quite an innovation for me, but I experienced such a service this summer at a worship workshop ("Experience" at Wittenberg U.) and was so moved that I came home determined to implement such a service here.

Come seeking healing for yourself or for others, and come seeking to be an instrument of healing in the world.

The service will be from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, October 5.

See you this Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. My sermon this week is "Two Cheers for Capitalism". Read Luke 16:11-31.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Kim Kathryn transferred her membership to FCC this Sunday. She is presently in the midst of a move, so we'll report her address later. She is a student at IPFW. Welcome, Kim!

## SINGLES!

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## OUTREACH REPORT - FCC REACHES OUT!

This week, \$562.50 was sent to the Christian Church in Indiana for New Church Development in the Region. \$112.50 was sent also for work at Barbee Conference Center.

## NEW SYSTEM FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

A new wireless system has been installed for the hearing impaired. To learn how this system works, plan to remain a few minutes after worship (8:15 or 10:45) Sunday for a demonstration in the sanctuary. This system will permit you to sit anywhere in the building and hear well! Come and check it out!

## GOOD TURN OUT FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 1987 budget was approved Sunday, along with delegates for our Regional Assembly, and a resolution enabling a loan from Board of Church Extension to facilitate our capital projects.

## PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE - this Sunday, October 5, 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jill Franklin and John Hine, who joined the church a few weeks ago, were married here Saturday, September 27. Jill is the daughter of Bill and Jo Franklin. Jill & John live at 1622½ Boone Street.

SYMPATHY

Our prayers go up for John Clevenger on the occasion of his mother's death last weekend.

HARMONY CLASS RESURRECTS

As Christians, you have no doubt heard of the resurrection. Next Sunday, the HARMONY CLASS will once again be involved in this biblical event. If you are not currently active in a church school class, you are invited to witness this happening. Do not come just to observe, but come to participate. After a summer of being dead, the class is coming back to life at 9:30 a.m. in the west end of fellowship hall. The action will include: election of officers (come to protect yourself), setting a date for a hayride, discussion of study material.

1986 CROP HUNGER WALK

Isn't it ironic that most of the world's hungry people are those who spend their lives growing food? Help CROP to help those people grow more and better food to feed themselves and their families. Walk in the CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 5.

DEAR BIBLE SCHOOL CHILDREN,

Thank you for your recent gift to Heifer Project International. This gift will help provide livestock, training and/or technical support to one of more than 120 projects in 35 countries during 1986. Projects enable people to not only provide more food and income for themselves and their families but also to help others by giving the first offspring to another needy neighbor. IT REALLY WORKS!

Daniel A. Boothley  
Great Lakes Director

OLD AGE

Just a line to say I'm living  
That I'm not among the Dead.  
That I'm getting more forgetful  
And more mixed in my head.

For sometimes I can't remember  
Why I stand at the foot of the stairs  
If I am going up for something  
Or just coming down from there.

And before the fridge so often  
My poor mind is filled with doubt  
Have I put the food away  
Or did I come to take it out.

And sometimes when its dark outside  
And with my night cap on my head,  
I don't know if I'm retiring  
Or just getting out of bed.

So if it's my time to write you  
It's no need of getting sore  
I may think that I have written  
And don't want to be a bore.

So remember that I do love you  
And I wish you were here  
But now it's nearly mail time,  
I will say good bye, my dear.

Here I am standing by my mailbox  
With my face so very red,  
Instead of mailing you my letter  
I opened it instead.

From the Geriatric Gazette  
February  
Miller's Merry Manor  
Logansport, IN

(con't. next column)

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

The old (old?) Apollo moonshots were very complicated affairs. After a spectacular, thunderous beginning, the rest of the trip to the moon consisted mostly of frequent mid-course corrections, until the delicate precise landing was itself achieved.

This seems to me to be a parable of life. We are launched into life amidst thunderous sounds and hearty congratulations. Thus begins life's journey, marked by delicate mid-course corrections as we define our goals more and more clearly. At least, this is as it should be. Some of us seem to just blast off into space with no goals in mind whatsoever. Clearly, he or she who heads "no where in particular" is quite likely to arrive there!

Have you made any mid-course corrections lately? Have you, in prayer, been further defining your goals in life and faith? Or are you "lost in space"? Few of us are totally lost, but many of us would do well to reflect upon these words of Jesus, "the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life...." (Matthew 7:13-14).

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. The sermon will be "I Lift My Eyes", based on Psalm 121.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

A couple of years ago the world was shocked when it was revealed that the Korean Airlines 747 which had been missing for several hours had been shot down by fighter aircraft over soviet airspace. A new, carefully researched study indicates that the Soviets believe it to be U.S. military spy plane surveying their sensitive high-security military bases in the area. People in the U.S. Government, however, came to an early conclusion that the Russians knew they were firing on a civilian aircraft. The Russians in their turn charged in all earnestness, and would still like to prove, that the pilot of the 747 was working under the orders of the CIA and intentionally flew into Russian airspace to spy on their bases.

According to the newly published study, neither of the last two charges have turned out to be true. The Russians did not know it was a civilian aircraft, nor was the Korean airlines pilot working with the CIA. But because of their charges and counter-charges, an already bad situation turned incredibly dangerously worse. Each side wanted to assume the worst about the other -- that the Soviets coldly knew they were killing innocent civilians and didn't care; that U.S. intelligence would actively endanger civilians in this way to gather information. It is frightening to think how close we came to armed conflict because both sides chose to think the worst of the other in the absence of facts.

Yet, how typically human it was.

We gain so much reassuring self-justification by attributing absolute villainy to those with whom we disagree. Often we avoid face to face confrontation because we realize our "opponent" just might have a valid concern.

We save up our anger and keep score of what we see as transgressions until we feel justified to vent our self determined righteous indignation.

But two or more valid concerns can be found to be at cross purposes. Anger needs to be early in its use of open confrontation, to get the issues on the table before indignation makes us deaf to hearing another, possibly valid side of an issue.

(Real Matthew 5:21-24).

*Shalom!  
Don*

SERVING OCTOBER 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and  
Bud Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Merle Grimm and  
Eileen Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, J. Kelly-  
NW, M. Novachcoff, L. Strickland

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-SW, S. Zimmer-  
man-NW, S. Callahan-SE, E. Conrad,

J. McGrew, S. Englehart, R. Mowery

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Almeda & Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Kris Ohneck

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,

C. Byrket

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-  
terfield, H. Nordblom, E. Kreischer

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B. Johnson - C. Miller

Jt. Weicker - L. Lewis

W. Johnson - G. Lantz

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ACOLYTES

Becky Krull & Laura Hamm

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Sara Mullen

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

407 - Mrs. Jeanetta Lahmeyer

PARKVIEW:

247 - Mrs. Mimi Westerfield

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

2:30 P.M. CROP Walk

5:30 P.M. CYF Group

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Seminars

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS October 10-16

Mike Chapin (10)

Candace Cole (10)

Kathy Graham (10)

Mildred Hogg (10)

Robert Beachley (11)

Doris Kochlinger (11)

Gary Parkerson (11)

Terry Speicher (11)

Anne Lee (12)

Charles Wisk (13)

Tammy Davis (13)

Jim Brame (14)

Lorea Kuhlman (14)

Edna Vaught (15)

Charles Harshbarger (15)

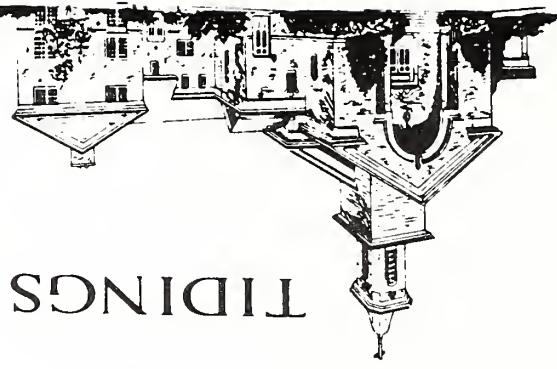
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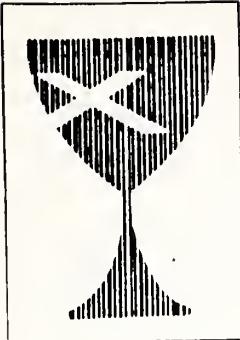
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## PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

On Sunday, November 2, there will be a Parent-Child Dedication in 10:45 a.m. service. If you wish to be included (or have questions), please call Dick Hamm at 744-3239.

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

You're invited to the Hamm's for a carry-in supper and a movie (VCR). Please RSVP with Mindy (745-4536) and she will ask you to bring a particular dish. This is cheap fun for all you fraggled parent types!

## SINGLES!

We'll meet at Ken Taylor's on Sunday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. This month's study will be on the Apostle Paul, the most misunderstood apostle. Come and join us!

## LAST CALL FOR INDIANAPOLIS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM & UNION STATION

The D.M.A. (for everyone) is going to Indianapolis on Thursday, October 23. The cost is \$20.00 per person for the motor coach and museum admission. Depart at 9:30 a.m., return late afternoon. Lunch along the way. Call 744-3239 to RSVP now!

"PROCESS THEOLOGY - A THEOLOGY OF CHANGE" is the title of a 6 week class being offered by Don Wiltfong on Wednesday evenings, October 15 to November 19. If theology is "faith seeking understanding", process theology is a helpful perspective in understanding the old, old story in our modern time. If you plan on attending, stop by the office for the article we will be discussing for the first session. Books will be available after the class starts for \$5.75. This promises to be a stimulating series. Hope to see you there!

## NEW HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM INSTALLED

A new wireless system has been installed. Those with hearing impairments are invited to pick up a small receiver (about the size of a deck of cards) in the narthex. There is an earplug and a volume control on these handy little units. Sit anywhere in the sanctuary you wish and "tune in"! Thanks to Bette Haines for this very thoughtful gift to the church.

## WIRELESS MIC INSTALLED

This is so slick that the preachers want another one! This will make for better hearing of sermonettes and more. Thanks to Delores Keebortz and Peggy Buskirk for this gift.

Next Sunday we will be recognizing the second graders who have been participating in our worship class. They have reached the age to where they will no longer be leaving for extended session but will worship with the rest of the congregation. Laura York, chairman of our worship committee, has been leading these classes that they might be prepared to experience the worship service with some understanding and appreciation. Be sure to welcome them personally at this important juncture of their church experience.

## BOARD MEETING - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 14.

STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE will meet 6:30 p.m. before Board on Tuesday, October 14.

Dick's sermon for Sunday will be entitled "A Power Unfettered". Read II Timothy 2:8-15.

# ONE



## IN MINISTRY

OCT. 12-19  
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"One in Ministry" reminds Christians of the ministry that is shared in Christ. The Week of the Ministry provides the opportunity for a congregation to honor all who serve or have served in this ministry.

### SYMPATHY

Our prayers go up for the family of Ellen Buchanan who died last week. She was 101 years old. Dr. Hamm had services for her.

Our prayers go to Mary Wilhelm in the death of her brother-in-law.

During a wedding here Saturday, Margarite Lotz, sister of Ruth Yentes, fell on the steps and broke her hip. Surgery is at Parkview.

Candace Cole has moved to Florida. Her address is: 6037 Balboa Circle, Apt. 105, Whitehall, Boca Del Mar, Boca Raton, FL 33433. She will be back in the summertime and living at her lake place. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her in the spring!

### COUPON EXCHANGE STARTING

Need coupons and 12 shoe boxes. Leave in the kitchen or contact Sue Brey at 447-3540. Thank you!

### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-5-86

Karla Sedgwick, 1815-6 Fox Point Trail; Kenneth & Bobbie Macy, 2723½ Broadway, Danny & Karen Haro, Sugarloaf, CA; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sauntignon, Emily and Annie, Union City, OH; Clara Zimmerman, New Windsor, MD, Lois & Bill Olson, LaGrange, ILL; Mr. & Mrs. John Briggs and Julie, Rensselaer, IN.

# Should I include the church in my will?

## NO:

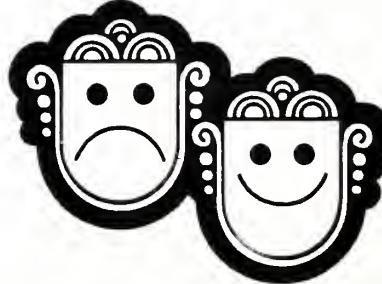
All my life I have supported the church generously with my time, my talents and my money. Isn't that enough? I have given my share or even more than my share. Isn't the church grateful for all that I have done and all I have given?

The church never stops asking me for money, even as I prepare for death by writing my Last Will and Testament. Is the church coveting my accumulated resources? Is the church anticipating my demise?

Is the church suggesting that I give one final "over and above" offering in my will?

Is this last Special Day offering to be received on the day I die?

No way!



**YES:** All my life I have supported the church generously with my time, my talents and my money. The church of Jesus Christ has been the most important part of my life. My family members and I have been baptized in the church and married in the church—and some have been buried from the church. My pastors and Christian friends have taught me, ministered to me, counseled me, lifted me up, and loved me at all times. It is my humble privilege to support after death the church that has been of great help to me during life.

I believe strongly that "The earth is the Lord's," and that everything I own comes from God. At the time of my death I have more than just a privilege or an opportunity to remember the church in my will. I have a duty and a responsibility to share a portion of my accumulated resources with the church.

I want the gospel of Jesus Christ to spread after my death and be shared with more and more persons. That costs money, and I want some of mine to be used for that purpose after I die. I know that I can't take it with me. So let a part of what I have be used for the Lord's work, and let me be remembered as a good and faithful servant, both during my lifetime and after my death.

The author of this provocative statement on Christian bequests is Randall A. West of Peoria, Illinois. An attorney and an active member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mr. West has served on the General Board and has been an adviser in the area of stewardship to several of the church's units.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

This is designated "Week of the Ministry" by we Disciples. It's an opportunity to lift up and to think about ministry. I am truly grateful for my calling, and my prayer is that God will continue to give me growth in my capacities and strength for my work.

Every vocation has its share of multitudin and conflicting expectations placed upon its laborers, but none more than ministry. It's enough to make me chuckle sometimes (and sometimes cry). The following little piece has been around several times over the years, but I think it's worth reading again!

Results of a computerized survey indicate the perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes. He condemns sin but never upsets anyone. He works from 8:00 a.m. until midnight and is also a janitor. He makes \$50.00 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car and gives about \$50.00 weekly to the poor. He is 28 years of age and has been preaching 30 years. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of his time with senior citizens. The perfect pastor smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins and hospitalized; he spends all his time evangelizing the unchurched and is always in his office when needed. If pastor does measure up, simple send this letter to six other parishes that are tired of their pastor too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 pastors and one of them should be perfect. Have faith in this letter.

If you do decide to bundle up Don and me and mail us off, please mark us "fragile" and send us "first class"!

Thanks for the opportunity to serve a great congregation!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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A reader of the British Weekly sent this letter to the editor:

Dear Sir:

It seems ministers feel their sermons are very important and spend a great deal of time preparing for them. I have been attending a church service quite regularly for the past thirty years and I have probably heard 3,000 sermons. To my consternation, I discovered that I cannot remember a single one of them.

Later, the following reply was printed:

Dear Sir:

I have been married for thirty years. During that time I have eaten 32,850 meals, mostly my wife's cooking. Suddenly, I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I received nourishment from every single one of them. I have the distinct impression that without them, I would have starved to death long ago.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

## SERVING OCTOBER 12

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Don Parlette and William Crouse

10:45 A.M. Don Parlette and Mike Callahan

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, M. Snouffer-NW, G. Brown, S. Smith

10:45 A.M. C. Falbe-SW, C. Miller-NW, D. Graham-SE, K.

Ohneck-NE, M. Busse, R. Krull, J. Lindsay, B. Lindsay

**USHERS**  
8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Proegler

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, K. Taylor, D. Kreischer

**GREETERS**  
8:15 A.M. Judy & Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Lola & Glenn Miller

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

R. Krull & W. Westerfield

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS

Curt & Deb Miller

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Laura York

## ACOLYTES

Jim Davis & Travis Richardson

## EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Mindy Hamm & Becky Glasgow

## LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham

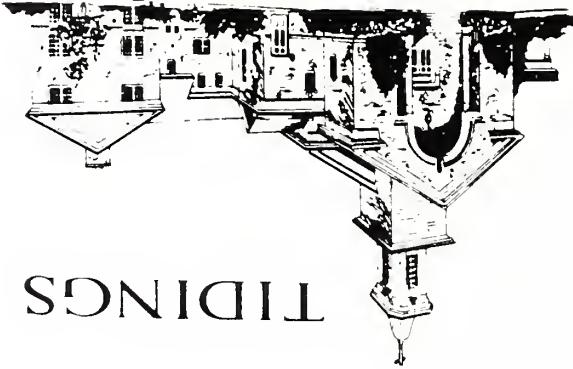
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

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## TIDINGS

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

**8:15 A.M.** First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. CYF Group

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13**

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the church

6:30 P.M. Stewardship Committee

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Seminars

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16**

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17**

6:30 P.M. Parent's Night Out at the Hamm's

## BIRTHDAYS October 17-23

Herb Banet (17)

Dan Flickinger (17)

Ruth Ogles (17)

Fred Warner (18)

Charles Byrket (18)

Ann Pittenger (18)

Deanna Roseberry (20)

Leotha Jones (21)

Rebecca Patton (21)

Bill Love (22)

Ted Pfennig (22)

Paula Meadows (23)

Don Pomeroy (23)

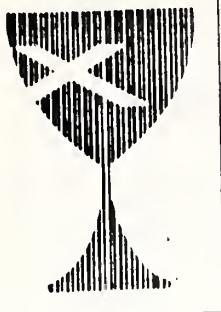
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Larry and Sue Brey transferred their membership from First Christian in Janesville, Wisconsin this Sunday. They live with their 2 year old daughter, Melissa, at 3005 Linden, phone number - 447-3540. Larry is with G.M.

## SINGLES!

We'll meet at Ken Taylor's on Sunday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. This month's study will be on the Apostle Paul, the most misunderstood apostle. Come and join us!

## PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

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## CHILI & OYSTERS AFTER WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

The congregation is invited to this treat this Sunday, October 19, at noon. There will also be an auction! (Anyone wishing to donate baked goods, services, or other items for auction, please call Bobbi Lindsay (456-5187) on Saturday. Proceeds will benefit Christian Women's Fellowship projects.

## AREA I ASSEMBLY, NOVEMBER 2

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this meeting of Disciple churches at Saturn Christian on Sunday, November 2, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Area will vote on a motion to begin a new church and we'll enjoy a brief worship together.

## LAST TRAIN TO CLARKSVILLE!

If you are interested in attending the Regional Assembly in Clarksville, Indiana, Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, this is your last chance. Call Dick immediately to register!

## AREA I BOARD MEETING

The Area I Board will meet Monday, October 27, 6:30 p.m., at First Christian Church. Call 744-3239 to RSVP for dinner by Saturday, October 25.

SATURN CHRISTIAN invites you to their annual Chicken & Biscuits, Ham & Beans Dinner. It's at Saturn this Saturday, October 18, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. A free will offering for their Building Fund will buy your meal! There will also be a bazaar!

Check out the Outreach bulletin board display in fellowship hall: see how our money serves!

CHI RHO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: for all middle school students: first meeting of the year, Next Sunday, October 19, at 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

INVITATION

Elizabeth Armstrong and Harry Arnold cordially invite the congregation to witness their marriage on Saturday, October 18, 6:00 p.m., at First Christian Church.

SYMPATHY

Jim Bramel's wife, Betty, died last week after a long illness. Our prayers go out to Jim and the family.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-12-86

Matt Holley, 1026 W. Pettit; Peggy & Angie Hickson, 3508 Senate Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Cordier, 1255 Inglewood Drive, Mogadore, Ohio.

WHAT ARE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS?



They're people . . . just people:  
The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker,  
The auto mechanic and college professor.  
The homemaker, the business career person.

People . . but not JUST people;

People redeemed by the love of God.  
People who have heard the Lord's calling:

"Go . . . teach,  
"Feed My sheep . . . My lambs;  
"Hand in hand, you stand with them  
"Upon a distant shore  
"And see me face to face."

What is a Sunday School Teacher?

A STUDIER - of the Bible, of lesson leaflets and teacher's guides;

A COLLECTOR - of pictures, of objects, of stories, of anything that will help pupils learn;

A LISTENER - to the unspoken questions written in the eager faces of pupils;

A FRIEND - who gives of himself that others might grow in Christ

A CHRISTIAN WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT SOULS.....Who prays.

What is a Sunday School Teacher? A PERSON WHO NEEDS OUR PRAYERS!

For he or she is doing the most important, the most difficult  
(though most rewarding) job on earth:  
Feeding young and old with the Word of life,  
That they might grow in life with God.

This, then, I will do:

I will pray for the Sunday School teachers of my church.  
I will treasure them, thank God for them.  
I will remember that, in doing the work of the church,  
they are doing my work - and God's!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Those who have tried the new hearing system are really pleased with it. If you haven't tried it, ask an usher! We have received five additional units, so we now have eight.

Yes, it is stewardship emphasis time again. I suppose that's so hard to believe because we had the Capital Campaign just six months ago! Nevertheless, it is that time. I am concerned that we continue to grow in our regular giving even as we continue to give to the Capital Projects. There's no point in having a spruced up facility if our program fades. But I have every confidence that this congregation will come through, with joy, as it always does. This is a wonderful place to do ministry!

The healing service received very positive response by all who were present. This will be a monthly offering, with the next edition on November 9. Plan on coming and "checking it out."

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

This week, beginning last Sunday, is the "Week of Ministry". I would like to pass on to you what I think is a significant statement from the document, Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry, published by the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches:

Since the ordained ministry and the community (i.e., the Church) are inextricably related, all participate in fulfilling these functions....any member of the body may share in proclaiming and teaching the Word of God, may contribute to the sacramental life of that body. The ordained ministry fulfills these functions in a represent active way, providing the focus for the unity of the life and witness of the community.

What does this mean? It means that we of the "set apart" ministry are representatives of the ministry of all believers! We reflect the activity of God in the church and in the ministry (service) of its individual members. Our authority and responsibilities are drawn solely from the authority and responsibilities of the Church. A minister's service to God and humanity will not generally rise higher than that of the church he or she serves.

I thank God that I am a part of a congregation, which calls me to participate in a life of service and love the quality of which is manifest.....here at First Christian.

*Slalom!*

*Don*

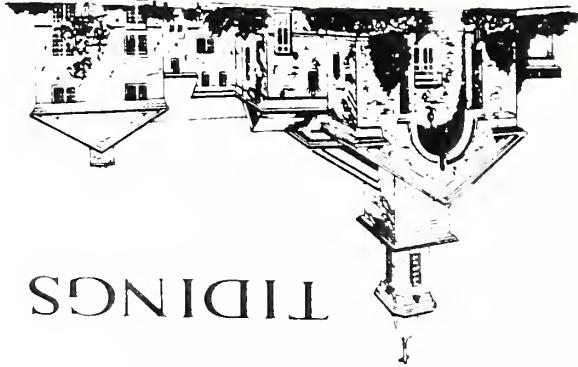
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ELDERS		SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19	
8:15 A.M.	Merle Grimm and Delores Keebortz	8:15 A.M.	First Worship
10:45 A.M.	Chip Olson and Wayne Johnson	9:30 A.M.	Church School
DIACONATE & GREETERS		10:45 A.M.	Second Worship
8:15 A.M.	M. Hutchinson-SW, L. Strickland-NW, J. Kelly, B. Grimm 10:45 A.M. T. Pfenning-SW, D. Mey-NW, M. Mullen-SE, M. Hamm-NE, L. Stover, R. Stover, G. Lantz, W. Westerfield	12:00 NOON	Chili & Oyster Dinner and Auction of Services
USHERS		5:30 P.M.	CYF Group
GREETERS		6:15 P.M.	Prayer Service
8:15 A.M.		MONDAY, OCTOBER 20	
C. Byrket		7:00 P.M.	Sarah Group
10:45 A.M.		7:00 P.M.	Calling Night
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22		WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22	
8:15 A.M.		6:30 P.M.	Wednesday Night Seminars
C. Byrket		THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23	
10:45 A.M.		5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir
H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, M. Westerfield		7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir
SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS		FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 & 25	
Curt & Deb Miller		Regional Assembly in Clarksville, Indiana	
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS		COUPON EXCHANGE STARTING	
Dick & Judy Mey		Need coupons and 12 shoe boxes.	
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Megan Callahan & Sara Glasgow		PANTRY / FOOD BANK NEEDS:	
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10:45 A.M.			
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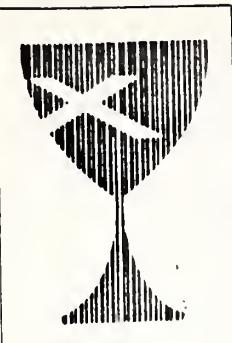
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## MUSIC NOTES

### HYMN SUNDAY - OCTOBER 26

Several years ago this congregation decided that it would be a very good idea to explore the music of the church, the hymns in particular, on a designated Sunday in the fall. The purposes were two. The first was to explore the richness of the new hymn book, and the second was to encourage heartier hymn singing. As has been the custom since then, this Sunday will be Hymn Sunday. The hymns have been selected and arranged according to the order of worship and in historical order. We have thought that it would be meaningful to worship with the hymns in the way people have responded to God over the centuries. Each one will be introduced by a Litany or by a meditation by one of our ministers.

Since the hymnal is a wonderful story book as well as a book of the people's theology, we hope that the congregation will be present to enjoy the wealth of poetry and music and insight with which we will worship together this Sunday.

## SINGLES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Next month on November 15, we'll go to House of Hunan together at 6:30 p.m. to have a party for Greg Showalter!

## PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

On Sunday, November 2, there will be a Parent-Child Dedication in 10:45 a.m. service. If you wish to be included (or have questions), please call Dick Hamm at 744-3239.

## AREA I ASSEMBLY, NOVEMBER 2

"A New Church in Area I" is the theme for this year's Assembly to be held on Sunday, November 2, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at Saturn Christian Church. The business of the Assembly will include approval of a general location for a new church and election of new officers. The Assembly will be climaxed by a special Communion Service.

## AREA I BOARD MEETING

The Area I Board will meet Monday, October 27, 6:30 p.m., at First Christian Church. Call 744-3239 to RSVP for dinner by Saturday, October 25.



For 40 years Church World Service has been meeting human needs in more than 70 countries through programs of social and economic development, disaster and emergency response, and service to refugees. CWS is a cooperative agency of 31 Protestant and Orthodox communions and a division of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

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Chairman, Steering Committee

Allen H. Tracy  
Executive Minister

Number of years.....	6
Number of volunteers.....	325
Individuals served.....	153,971
Meals served.....	2,140,000
Dollar value of meals.....	\$1,700,000
Number of food banks.....	23

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Miriam Bixenman is a proud new grandmother of Sarah Elaine Bixenman, born in San Antonio, to Jay and his wife.

Liz(Armstrong) and Harry Arnold became husband and wife Saturday evening at First Christian Church. Dr. Hamm presided.

### THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The CWF President, Bobbi Lindsay, reports the Chili/Oyster Dinner and Auction raised several hundred dollars for the group's outreach work. A good time was had by all!

### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-19-86

Dick & Cecilia Henry, 4109 N. Washington Blvd.; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Krach & Family; Mr. J.E. Johnson, P.O. Box 13614; Miss Laura LaVay, East Three Rivers Apartments, #512; Chris Patrick, 309 W. Lexington Circle; Larry & Cherrie Green, 5015 Southwood Avenue.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As I sit at my desk on this Monday morning, looking out my south window, the sun is about to rise. It's going to be one of those gorgeous blue sky October days that I love. October is usually one of the big attractions of Indiana for me. The high pressure of the atmosphere makes me high. In fact, these three blue sky days we've had have been among the most productive in my last two weeks. I just feel good. I wonder if it does the same to you? Most of us are affected by the weather. Even the frost in Laura's pumpkin patch is beautiful, even knowing it is a harbinger of old man winter! Give us more of these days, Lord, please!

Don said something Sunday that I want to pick up on here. He was talking about the popularity of personality-centered denominations, as contrasted with denominations like ours that have structures of mutuality and accountability. I'll admit that sometimes, while driving down I-69 for yet another meeting in Indianapolis, I get to wondering if its worth it, all this mutuality and accountability! But then, I realize how the wider church sustains me, nourishes me, and "keeps me honest", and I realize that it is, indeed, worth it. I'll be reminded of this again this week as Mindy and I and several others head for the Regional Assembly in Clarksville Friday and Saturday. I wish we could all go and get a lift from this expression of the wider church!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Every life comes as a mixed gift, a potpourri of good and bad, excitement and boredom, joy and pain. When a very painful, even tragic event enters our life, it threatens to undo us, to overcome us, to grind us back down into the powdery dust of which the Bible tells us we are made. At such time we think it takes an extraordinary person to cope with such an event, and that the rest of us just scrape by.

I read an article sometime ago in which men who had survived life in Japanese prisoner of war camps had been interviewed. These men universally witnessed to the fact that men who were stronger, younger, healthier than they had been entered the camp never to leave, and that for some reason they, these rather average men, survived. Most of these men have gone on to lead what we think of as normal, productive, but certainly not extraordinary, lives. Many still ask themselves, "why did I survive". The plain fact is, even under excruciatingly inhumane conditions, they became determined to survive.

One key to coming through a rough time is having the ability looking beyond it and saying to oneself, "I can survive this. Someday things will not be like this. I can survive this". It does not take the sting away, or the pain, or the tears. But it is the truth of trusting God's ability to renew life that lets a person move past the stages a tragedy takes, until one by one, the pains and tears cease to dominate life. Hear the words of the Apostle Paul:

"So we do not loose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed everyday".

Read II Corinthians 4:16-18).

*Shalom!*

- *Don*

## SERVING OCTOBER 26

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Pat Mullen and

Bill Johnson

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and

Mike Callahan

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, G. Brown-

NW, M. Snouffer, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. B. Wiltfong-SW, E.

Conrad-NW, C. Miller-SE, D.

Knudsen-NE, J. Ohneck, K. Perkins,

M. Mullen, L. Lewis

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,

J. Proegler

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-

terfield, H. Nordblom, K. Taylor

### GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Myrtle & Bill Devinney

10:45 A.M. Leila & Dave Arnos

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

B. Grimm & S. Smith

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS

Curt & Deb Miller

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sherry Lytle

### ACOLYTES

Brandon Falbe & Josh Lytle

### EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Carolyn Falbe & Beth Wiltfong

### LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Diane Mory

10:45 A.M. Eric Mory

### IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

ICU - Mr. John Phillips

### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered milk, cereal, canned meats,

canned fruit, beans

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### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:30 P.M. CYF

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting at

First Christian Church

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Seminars

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

### BIRTHDAYS October 31- November 6

Gus Mueller (31)

Gary Falbe (31)

Helen Fultz (31)

Jim Shirley (31)

Charles Schnobel (31)

Shari Eme (1)

Herdis Helmuth (1)

Colleen Wilcoxson (1)

Joe Wiley (1)

Violet Wuthrich (1)

Judy Church (2)

Audrey Corkwell (2)

Jack Brickley (3)

Donna Chapin (3)

Ron Feaser (3)

Bruce Finkhousen (4)

Ruth Stone (4)

Michele Stam (5)

Martha Christy (5)

Curt Miller (5)

Alfred Pattengale (5)

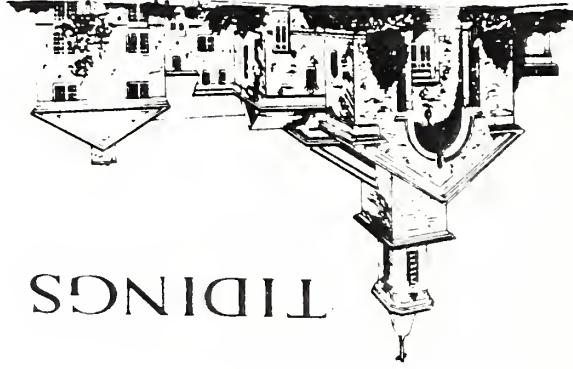
John Phillips (5)

Tony York (5)

Jeannette Grier (6)

Teresa Wagner (6)

## TIDINGS



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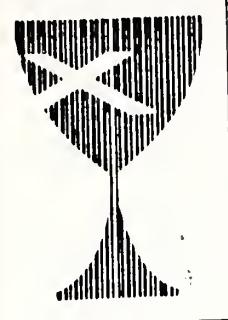
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## FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PHOTOGRAPH

This weekend, October 30 - November 1, are the final three days to have your photo taken for our pictorial directory. If you have not made an appointment, please call Dorothy Overmyer at 745-1897.

ALSO:

For those who have already had their pictures taken, the proof viewing will be on Thursday, November 6 & Friday, November 7 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. You will receive a postcard in the mail for an appointment.

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 9

Be in worship to see an inspiring audio visual and to make your commitment for 1987!

## AREA I ASSEMBLY AT SATURN CHRISTIAN

On Sunday, November 2, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., the six congregations of Area I will meet together at Saturn to consider a new church start and to elect officers. Every member of our congregation is invited and has the right to vote. Don't miss it!

## SINGLES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Next month on November 15, we'll go to House of Hunan together at 6:30 p.m. to have a party for Greg Showalter.

## READING: A PAST TIME WITH A FUTURE

### CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK - NOVEMBER 2-9

Our young children have been to the library twice this month. Can you say the same? We'll bet you can't read just one!!!

Did you know that Pat Mullen has moved from librarian to Chairman of the Evangelism Committee? Mildred Hutchinson is our new librarian. Welcome and thank you to both of these women!

## WANTED

Bowlers for mens Monday night teams, 6:30 at Smittys Lanes (Waynedale). Come on out or call Max Finkhausen at 456-8178.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Hazel Cleaver was 93 years old on October 30!

## NEXT SERVICE OF PRAYER & HEALING - NOVEMBER 9, 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-26-86

Mrs. Eugene J. Neumann, 4509 Spatz Avenue; Mrs. Kelly B. Vincent, San Jose, CA; Mrs. Bea Anderson, Mt. Vernon, IN; Ray Bridgewater, Alma, NE.

RECORD NUMBER OF OVERSEAS STAFF APPOINTED

The Board of Directors of the Division of Overseas Ministries appointed 14 overseas staff members at its June meeting. They included:

David Blackburn, working with the Methodist Church among the very poor in Recife, Brazil;

Marguerite and Fred Brokenma, jointly appointed with the United Presbyterians to Honduras;

Renee and John Carter, returning to Paraguay to administer the Jack Norment Camp;

Teresa Crisler, to teach mathematics in Mbandaka, Zaire;

Johanna and Keith Jameison, returning to their work in India;

Roxie and David Owen, to a 14-point pastoral charge in rural Lesotho;

Jane and George Sullivan-Davis, to be stationed in Peru working with a regional office of the National Council of Churches;

Lois and Courtney Swander, for another four-year term in Mexico.

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## HOW YOUR 1986 OFFERING WAS SPENT

The goal for 1986 was \$2.75 million. Final receipts are not in as this copy goes to press but it is not likely that goal will be reached.

Media attention has not been focused on famine in Africa in 1986 and the urgency of the needs has not been so obvious. The needs, however, continue and Christ continues to call his Church to respond with love and compassion.

The budget was projected at \$2,332,984 on basis of the previous year's receipts. It is still too early to be certain that the full budget can be allocated. The following amounts were budgeted:

### Week of Compassion Budget

Refugee Ministries .....	\$327,505	14%
Emergency Aid .....	543,595	20%
Social Services, Self Help and Development.....	765,839	33%
Ecumenical Support .....	280,845	12%
Scholarships etc.....	171,300	7%
Miscellaneous .....	88,900	4%
Operating Costs.....	155,000	7%
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,332,984</b>	<b>100%</b>

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I'm looking forward to finishing up a couple of jobs this week! The Area Assembly Sunday night at Saturn (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.) will close out my term as Area I Moderator and will finish the task of shepherding the new church establishment project through to Area I approval (I hope!). These have both been very enjoyable and interesting tasks, though occasionally taxing.

We had an excellent Regional Assembly in Clarksville. I wish all of you could have been there, but we had good representation through the Churches, the Mildreds, Sara Mullen, the Wiltfongs, and the Hamms. I had intended to be back for Sunday worship, however, it seemed a good time to visit family near Crawfordsville.....my aunt died several weeks ago and I had not been able to attend her funeral due to responsibilities here. It was a good time to get by and visit. I was sorry to have missed "Hymn Sunday" however, as I always enjoy it.

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. I'm going to have fun this Sunday! My sermon is on the story of Zacchaeus. It's entitled, "When We're Up a Tree"! Read Luke 19:1-10 to prepare.

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Most of us, when asked what the opposite of love is world say it is hate. But love has another oppsite: fear. And our relationships with others (including God) are usually a strange mixture of these two.

Looking at my own experience in ten years of marriage, and working with people as they move toward getting married or as they go through the various inevitable, sometimes difficult stages of marriage I am struck by what seems to be a universal human conundrum - that we need, for our own well being, to be intimate with other people, and at the same time we mightily resist intimacy because we are afraid of revealing ourselves to one another. As Father John Powell wrote in his book, "Why Am I Afraid To Tell You Who I Am", "But, if I tell you who I am, you may not like who I am, and it is all that I have". We need desparately to know and be known, and we are afraid of being known.

Part of the key to overcome this is accepting love as a part of our life and living it. Love is accepting openness toward another. Love is an appreciation of who people are with their attractive attributes. That is the easy part. Love is also an appreciation of who they are in their weaknesses, being open and accepting toward them in their painful places, their irritating attributes, their own sores and warts of character. Love accepts this side of persons, too, and only then is it healthy. Judging can be useful as a diagnosis, but only love is healing.

Failure to love is an act of fear. It is understandable, it is sometimes necessary and realistic, but more often it is crippling and life denying. Join in the dance of love and fear; for in its sometimes elequent, sometimes clumsy whirling is wholeness and healing.

Read I John 4:18.

*Shalom!*

*- Jon*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

## SERVING NOVEMBER 2

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and  
Mark Snyder  
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and  
Bert Leversee  
**DIACONATE & GREETERS**  
8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, J. Kelly-  
NW, L. Strickland, M. Novachcoff  
10:45 A.M. S. Englehart-SW, M.  
Mullen-NW, R. Mowery-SE, D. Mey-  
NE, S. Callahan, C. Falbe, R.  
Krull

**USHERS**  
E. Kreischer  
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-  
terfield, B. Haines, D. Kreischer  
**GREETERS**  
8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
10:45 A.M. Sue & Larry Brey

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Parlette - M. Hutchinson  
M. Callahan - J. McGrew  
P. Mullen -

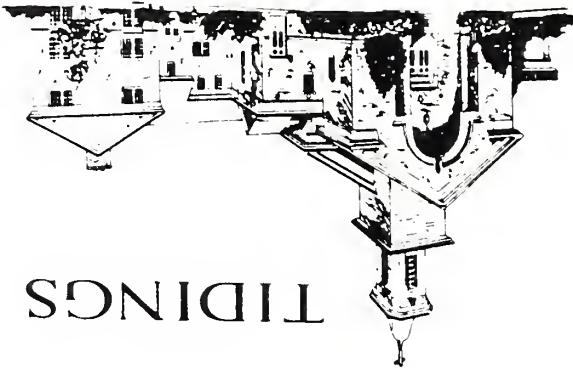
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**COMMUNION PREPARATION**  
B. Grimm & S. Smith  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS**  
M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson  
**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**  
Charles & Jean McGrew  
**ACOLYTES**  
Trina Richardson & Alisha Stover  
**EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS**  
Shirley Callahan & Sam Hayes  
**COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER**  
Herb Banet & George Davis  
**LAY WORSHIP LEADERS**  
8:15 A.M. Janet Myers  
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

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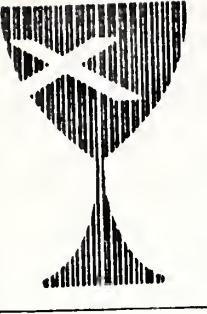
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P-Nut Butter, Powdered Milk, Cereal,  
Canned meats, fruit, beans

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## CONSECRATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

This Sunday is Consecration Sunday, a day when we celebrate our life together as a congregation and make our stewardship pledges for 1987. This has been one of the Sundays for attendance for three years in a row (surpassed only by Easter!). Again, this year, we will offer a slide presentation which is entitled "People are First at First Christian." Only those who are not present on this Sunday (at either 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. services) will receive a visit in their homes. Please make every effort to be present. Come celebrate First Christian!

## SHARE THE CARE DAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

It's time to do the fall clean-up around the church! Property Committee invites you to come and "Share The Care", 8:30 a.m., Saturday, November 15. We'll clean up the grounds, wash windows, paint our yard signs, and more. Come and join in a morning of useful work and great fellowship!

## FOCUS ON LOCAL HUNGER - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

On Saturday, November 22, the Outreach and Service Committee will sponsor a focus on local hunger. We will have representatives from the Food Bank, from Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen, and from the Rescue Mission. These three organizations are in different ways dealing with the problem of hunger in Fort Wayne. Their programs are set up to compliment each other, each meeting a different need. We hope you will join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by a brief presentation of each of these three programs. Soup for lunch will be provided by Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen. In order to help us plan, please call Jerry Zimmerman (744-5698) or the Church office to let us know how many are coming.

## SINGLES

On Saturday, November 15, we'll meet at the House of Hunan at 6:30 p.m. to have a party for Greg Showalter.

## SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING

This Sunday, November 9, 6:15-7:00 p.m. All Welcome!

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, November 21. Mark your calendar!

BOARD MEETING on Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m.

## IN GATHERING OF FOOD

Annually during November, our Outreach Committee asks our people to make a special offering of food for the Food Bank here at First Christian. On November 9, 16, & 23 we are asked to bring non-perishable foods and, at the time of the offering or before worship at each of the worship services, to place our gifts on the Chancel. On November 23, these food offerings will be placed in our Food Bank for distribution to those in need who come to us for help.

BELL CHOIR ... There will be no practices for the Carillon until December 4 and 11th at 5:30 p.m., and December 13 from 10 until 12. We will ring on December 14th.

AREA I ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES NEW CHURCH

After three years of hard work by the Area I New Church Committee chaired just by Ralph Church and then Dick Hamm, the following resolution was approved by the Assembly meeting November 2 at Saturn. As soon as the money is available (probably about 8 months) a "pastor-developer" will be brought onto the field to do the preliminary work. This is something to cheer about and for which to pray!

October, 1986

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION  
BY THE AREA I BOARD AND ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS the Area I New Church Committee has labored for three years to determine the best location for a new church start within Area I, and

WHEREAS the Committee has done extensive research drawing on many resources including census tract data, county and city planning offices, real estate companies, Chambers of Commerce, utility companies, IPFW, Church resource persons, windshield surveys, personal interviews, and prayer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Area I commit itself to the establishment of a new congregation in Allen County, Aboite Township, subject to the following principles:

1. The new congregation will not be located so as to infringe on the growth area of Saturn Christian Church.
2. The new congregation shall be far enough from Peace United Church of Christ so as not to duplicate resources (approximately two miles).
3. The committee is particularly interested in the northern portion of the Township.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by committing ourselves to a new church, we congregations of Area I are committing ourselves to pray for the new church, its pastor developer, and its people, and to include monies in our local congregational budgets for Regional New Church Development (each church has been asked by the Region to include at least \$3.00 per participating member in 1987 and \$5.00 per participating member by 1989, for Regional New Church Development).

Respectfully submitted by the Area I New Church Committee

Ken Clark; West Creighton Avenue

Nelson & Ruth Brandon; Auburn First

Dorothy McCracken, Ken Kaufman, Mildred Kaufman, Joe Fitch, Norm Conklin; Saturn Lyn Childers; Fort Wayne North

Ralph Church, Bill Johnson; Fort Wayne First

Judy Church; member Regional New Church Committee

Morris Finch, Chuck Babcock; Associate Regional Ministers

John Krueger; Peace United Church of Christ

Dick Hamm, Chairman

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-2-86

J. Vowalenko, 3802 Fairfield; Dick & Mary Ashton, 4109 Winterfield Run; Mr. & Mrs. Todd Bowen, 8618 Timberrill Pl.; Michael Zoller, 313 Ann St., New Haven; Mrs. Marta Zoller, 719 Pasadena Dr.; Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Lewis, 6835 Pointe Inverness Way.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I'm looking forward to Sunday. I think the slide presentation is very fine. Of course, the challenge before us is also great .... to increase our gift by 1% of our income as we move together toward the goal of tithing. 1987 is going to be a most significant year for First Christian.

I know, I say "this is going to be a significant year" every year. But every year has been significant as we have struggled to renew ourselves as a congregation. We are on the verge of some great new things, but they hinge upon several factors .... most especially our continued excellent growth as stewards.

Of course, since most of us are also contributing to the capital projects fund, I'm also concerned that we remember that capital gifts must be "over and above" rather than "instead of" regular giving. But I'm confident that we all recognize this.

Stewardship is not the only area in which every Christian needs to keep growing, but it is certainly an essential area and one that is central to the quality of our own spiritual life as well as the quality of the Church's life.

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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WHEN I WAS A BOY, I never understood ....

1. Why my dad insisted on regular, uninterrupted church attendance.
2. Why he dedicated himself, year after year, to a job in the church with many hours, and no pay. (He was a Sunday School superintendent in a large church for 40 continuous years.)
3. Why he insisted that all his four children attend church and Sunday school, and never question his judgement in the matter.
4. Why we didn't have a car to drive to our church obligations, as most others did.

Fifty years later, I have answers:

No. 1 answer - Dad knew that habits developed in early childhood become an influence throughout life.

No. 2 answer - Unless you're hungry, or tired, or sick through no fault of your own, every person owes a debt to the society in which he lives.

No. 3 answer - At one time, I taught in an experimental school. It was customary for teachers here to ask young children, "What do you want to do today?" One youngster (wise for his years) replied "Teacher, do we have to do today again 'what we want to do?'" Do young children always know what they want to do?--I think not!

No. 4 answer - Today it would seem needless, perhaps ridiculous, (with free church buses etc.) to walk a mile and a half to church and back. At that time (late 20's) a model T Ford cost \$835--considerably more than half of dad's annual salary. His only indebtedness was his home mortgage (\$20.00 a month). He always paid cash. We survived the depression!

Conclusion - Although dad never finished grade school (a farmer who had to work) it seems to me, now, that he knew some things about raising kids, through intuition, that I didn't know as a college graduate.

At this time of stewardship, his very real sacrifices and that of others like him continue to inspire me to do a little more.

Don L. Parlette  
Stewardship Committee

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"Words are sometimes hard to find, when you are trying to say Thank You for something so priceless as love and kindness-But Thank You to the ministers and others who visited the hospital, those who called, and those who sent cards-" Thanks

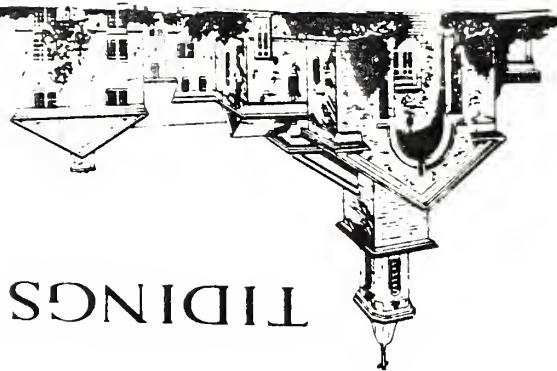
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<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	NW, B. Lindsay-SE, E. Conrad-NE, J.	M. Busse-SW, J. Lindsay- Ohneck, K. Ohneck, C. Miller, S.
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Zimmerman	
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	GREETERS	Gwynth Rice Debbie & Max Knudsen
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	USHERS	John Proegler
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	COMMUNION PREPARATION	Earl Snouffer, Don Smith, Wes Westerfield, Homer Stevenson, Harold Nordblom, Mimi Westerfield
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	SNOFFERS & LINDSAY'S	
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Grace Truby & Mabel Watson
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	ACOLYTES	
	DAVID HAMM & JASON KRULL	David Hamm & Jason Krull
	EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS	
	BECKY GLASGOW & MINDY HAMM	Becky Glasgow & Mindy Hamm
	COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER	
	HERB BANET & GEORGE DAVIS	Herb Banet & George Davis
	LAY WORSHIP LEADERS	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	MILDRED HARTMAN	Mildred Hartman
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	CURT MILLER	Curt Miller

## CHURCH CALENDAR

<u>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9</u>	<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	First Worship
	<u>9:30 A.M.</u>	Church School
	<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Second Worship
	<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	Chi Rho
	<u>5:30 P.M.</u>	CYF
	<u>6:15 P.M.</u>	Prayer Service
<u>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10</u>	<u>1:30 P.M.</u>	Fellowship Guild at Lorea Kuhlman's, 5308 Stonehedge
	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	Calling Night
<u>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11</u>	<u>11:30 A.M.</u>	Rebecca Group
	<u>12:45 P.M.</u>	Rachel Group at the Church
	<u>7:30 P.M.</u>	Board of Trustees
<u>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12</u>	<u>6:30 P.M.</u>	Wednesday Night Seminars
	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	Share the Care Day
	<u>6:30 P.M.</u>	Singles to House of Hunan
<u>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15</u>		
	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	BIRTHDAYS November 14 - 20
	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>	Jewell Byrket (14)
	<u>1:00 P.M.</u>	Jim Hudlow (14)
	<u>2:00 P.M.</u>	Melissa Orr (14)
	<u>3:00 P.M.</u>	John Proegler (14)
	<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	Ethel Allen (16)
	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	Tom Meadows (16)
	<u>6:00 P.M.</u>	Bernie Norman (16)
	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	Robert Corkwell (18)
	<u>8:00 P.M.</u>	Deb Miller (18)
	<u>9:00 P.M.</u>	Muriel Baker (19)



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<u>IN HOSPITALS:</u>
Lutheran: Ardith Wrisk - 315
Don Oden - 211
Parkview: Margarite Lotz
Elizabeth Pattengale - 229

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Richard L. Hamm, Editor

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## CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

Browse through the book display in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday. Books are friends. Make a friend this week!

## SHARE THE CARE THIS SATURDAY - 8:30 a.m.!

Come and help get the building and grounds ready for winter! Come and join in a morning of useful work and great fellowship!

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## SINGLES! THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!

We're meeting at the "House of Hunan", 5626 Coldwater Road, at 6:30 p.m. We'll have a party for Greg Showalter! All singles are welcome .... even if you don't know Greg!

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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## PRAYER SERVICE

Sundays 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

## IN GATHERING OF FOOD

Annually during November, our Outreach Committee asks our people to make a special offering of food for the Food Bank here at First Christian. On November 9, 16, & 23 we are asked to bring non-perishable foods and, at the time of the offering or before worship at each of the worship services, to place our gifts on the Chancel. On November 23, these food offerings will be placed in our Food Bank for distribution to those in need who come to us for help.

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This dinner is always a highlight of the year, so don't miss the fellowship with your church family. New members this year will be introduced. Reservations are required in order to insure plenty of turkey for all, so please sign up at either worship service the next two Sundays or call the church office (744-3239) or Kris Ohneck (428-6212 or 447-2833) by November 18, 1986. Eunice Conrad will be showing slides of her China trip she took this past summer.

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#### 1986 TAX ACT IMPLICATIONS

Our General Office has mailed out an excellent interpretive piece about the implications of the 1986 Tax Act as it effects contributors to churches. If you would like a copy, call the church office.

#### THANK GOD FOR VOLUNTEERS

The following "Little Elves" prepared for mailing the booklet you received titled "Vision for 1987": Mindy Hamm, Genevieve Ripple, Mable Watson, Grace Truby, Delores Anspach, July Mey, Jackie Keller, Ruby Mowery, Kate Cullen and Paul & Ruth Yentes. It is a joy to work with each of you.

Bette Haines

#### LETTER FROM THE STUCKYS

Our new address is Apt. 612B, 515 Chateau Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. We love living among the mountains! Jim's job has not settled in here yet which forces him to be in Mississippi or Georgia most of the time. We are located in an area where Jeremy and I can manage on our own during the week. We pray things get settled here soon so Jim can be home all the time. Jeremy loves his new school and church. (FCC of Huntsville). Would appreciate hearing from some of you.

Love, Becky, Jim, & Jeremy Stucky

#### COUPON EXCHANGE

The coupon exchange boxes are set up and ready for your use in the Fellowship Hall. You may bring your cut or uncut coupons and either sort them for distribution or leave them for later sorting. Feel free to thumb through to find the coupons you need. Please save those coupons!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As I prepare my "epistle" to you this Monday morning, my heart is very full indeed. First, I am deeply thankful for the response to "Commitment Sunday" yesterday. We had another good attendance and a terrific response. We'll have a complete report on the results of this year's stewardship emphasis after the follow up calling is complete.

Second, we offered our second monthly "prayer and healing service" last night, and again, people were moved. It's impossible to convey to you how powerful this single 45 minute service is, but I do hope many more of us will come and experience it on Sunday, December 7, 6:15 p.m. In the meantime, our regular Prayer Service keeps chugging away every Sunday at the same time (6:15-7:00 p.m.).

By the way, I very much appreciate the congregation's patience with a long worship service yesterday. No one complained about the length, in fact people stayed longer than usual for coffee hour! We will take steps to shorten the stewardship presentation next year, however, whatever format we decide to use. But the lack of restlessness in such a service points to an important kind of maturity among us! Thanks to Ralph Church and the Stewardship Committee, and to Curt Miller and Don Wiltfong for an excellent presentation .... once again!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

P. S. My sermon this Sunday is "Making Peace with Parents". It is for anyone who was ever born, regardless of age (that should just about cover everyone!) The text is II Corinthians 5:17-19.

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THE ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

We see ourselves as individual islands, somewhat isolated from one another, bridging the gaps between us only with spoken communications or an occasional touch. But so much more happens when we encounter another human being!

According to a 1983 study of how facial expressions interact with our central nervous system, people tend to respond to others by adopting their facial expressions. Further, putting on a facial expression caused the body to react with the emotion of the expression. In short, if you meet someone who is smiling, you tend to smile, and smiling creates within you a light feeling of well-being and joy. We communicate to others not only our ideas; we wrap ideas in a web of emotions as we pass them along.

We are more a part of one another than we think, and we give more of ourselves to others than we realize. We can truly feel something of one another's pain, and can share in one another's joy. We can also be the initiators of contagious joyful feelings. We are, to borrow Paul's phrase, "individually members one of another".

*Shalom!*  
- *Don*

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-9-86

Wendy Slatton, 1706 Reed Road; Randy Rehrer, 7506 Ideal #23, Trish Thomas, Hoagland, Indiana; Debbie White, LaMesa, California; Mr. & Mrs. Dale Johnson, Marion, Ohio.

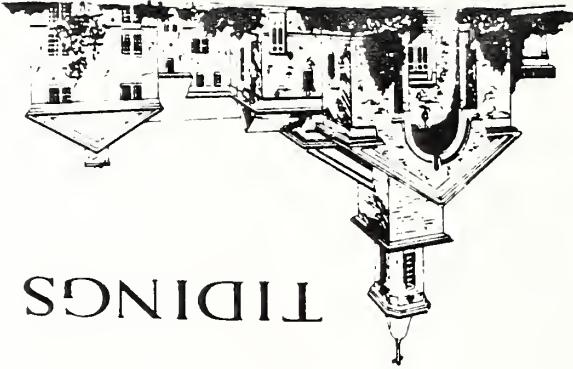
## SERVING NOVEMBER 16

ELDERS	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16	
8:15 A.M. William Crouse and Laura York	8:15 A.M. First Worship	
10:45 A.M. Eileen Klepper and Wayne Johnson	9:30 A.M. Church School	
DIACONATE & GREETERS	10:45 A.M. Second Worship	
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GREETERS	6:15 P.M. Prayer Service	
8:15 A.M. Ethel Shroyer 10:45 A.M. Lana Fanger	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17	
USHERS	7:00 P.M. Sarah Group at the church	
8:15 A.M. Earl Snouffer, Don Smith, Charles Byrket	7:00 P.M. Calling Night	
10:45 A.M. Wes Westerfield, Homer Stevenson, Ellyn Kreischer, Ken Taylor	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18	
COMMUNION PREPARATION	12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the church	
Snouffers & Lindsays	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19	
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M. Hartman - W. Westerfield	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20	
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D. Keebortz - S. Callahan	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21	
B. Ludwig - K. Tobias	6:30 P.M. Parents Night Out at the Mey's	
SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22	
M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson	11:30 A.M. Focus on Local Hunger	
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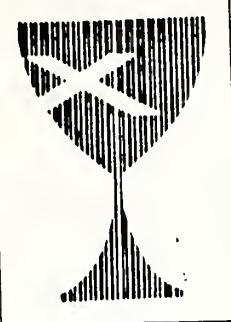
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## HANGING OF THE GREENS

This year the "Hanging of the Greens" will include a brief but meaningful service in our sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 30. Come and help decorate the whole church with beautiful greens and candles.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING

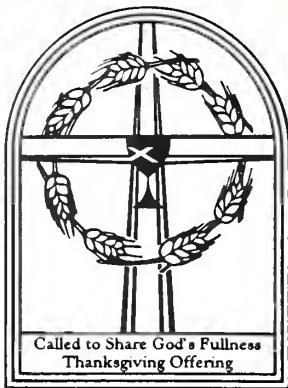
A seminar on Christmas flower arranging will be offered at First Christian, on Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the church. Register by December 1 by calling Nancy Smith (447-9679) or Deb Knudsen (483-5299). All welcome!

## NOTE

The final viewing for the proofs for the Pictorial Directory is November 20 and 21, from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## TO: YOUTH GROUPS

There will be no Youth Groups this Sunday due to the Thanksgiving Dinner!



We can continue fulfilling our mission to bring help, hope and the light of Jesus Christ to people all over the world by giving to the Thanksgiving Special Day offering.

#### SERMONS AVAILABLE ON TAPE

If you would like a tape of a sermon to pass on to someone, or to hear again yourself, call the church office or tell Dick Hamm on Sunday morning. These are available for \$1.00 and are usually ready within a week or two of your request.

#### SECRET PLACE

The December-January-February quarter of the Secret Place is now available. Pick one up at church this Sunday!

#### ALL CHURCH SANDWICH & DESSERT SUPPER

On Monday, December 8, at 6:15 p.m. the CWF will sponsor an "All Church" sandwich and dessert supper (donations will be accepted). After the meal we will then go by cars to the St. Francis Planetarium for a presentation by Mr. Stoeckly entitled "Star of Bethlehem".

Call the church office if you need transportation.

#### SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Ethel Birkhold, a member of First since 1925, died last week. Rev. Wiltfong had graveside services for her on Thursday. She and her late husband Walter were enthusiastic workers in the church. Our sympathy goes to her nephew and family.

Ruth Eiler, a member since 1949, died late Saturday night. Her funeral is scheduled for Wednesday, Dr. Hamm presiding. Our prayers go out for her son, Richard, and his family, and to her brother.

#### A THANKSGIVING QUIZ

1. How many lepers returned to give Jesus thanks for healing them? (Luke 17:15-16)
2. At what feast did Jesus take the cup and give thanks? (Matthew 26:19,27)
3. At whose grave did Jesus lift up His eyes to give thanks? (John 11:14,41)
4. Jesus gave thanks that certain things were hid from whom? (Matthew 11:25)
5. What did Jesus do after receiving the loaves at the feeding of the 5,000? (John 6:11)
6. Who prayed and gave thanks to God for revealing a king's dream? (Daniel 2:23)
7. Who said he was thankful not to be like other men? (Luke 18:11)
8. Who thanked God and took courage after a long voyage? (Acts 28:15)
9. With what does the psalmist tell us to enter into the Lord's gates? (Ps. 100:4)
10. We are instructed in II Cor. 9:15 to give thanks to God for His unspeakable
11. In regard to gratefulness, what will be one of the signs in the last days? (II Tim. 3:2)
12. We are to give thanks always for what? (Eph. 5:20)
13. What are we to include with prayer and supplication to God? (Phil. 4:6)
14. How many times each day did Daniel schedule to pray and give thanks to God? (Dan. 6:10)
15. It is the will of God that we give thanks in what? (I Thess. 5:18)

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I had a lot of requests for tapes and copies of yesterday's sermon. If you'd like one, give the office a call. That sermon represents something of a pilgrimage for me, as I'm sure you supposed.

We'll have an update on the Stewardship Campaign next Sunday. It's going very well, I think. As usual, you are "coming through".

I'm beginning to focus my thoughts on Advent and Christmas. One can never start too early on that! This will be a year when I'll be prepared (I'm determined!), so that the true spirituality of the season can permeate my own soul. I hope you're moving in the same direction!

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

We tend to be pragmatic, to want to have tangible results for the efforts we put forth. However, this often causes us to be very short sighted, even from a purely pragmatic point of view. This can be seen in what is happening to rituals: they are becoming less and less a part of our lives.

Julius Segal, a psychologist and author, points out that rituals give order, structure and meaning to life. This may not seem like accomplishing much when things are going well, and thus when our lives are well ordered and meaningful. However, when a crisis comes, without such structures we find ourselves adrift on a sea of meaninglessness and despair, blown about by whatever wind prevails.

Rituals, like times of worship, or even a regular time the family spends together (becoming increasingly rare in these busy times), are valuable. They may seem like time wasted which could be spent in more "productive" ways - but they can become channels through which God can securely carry you through rough times in the palm of his hand.

*Shalom!*  
- *Don*

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Janet Jackson, 342 W. Branning; Harry & Cindi Kirkland; Debbie Thieme, 344 W. Washington Center Road.

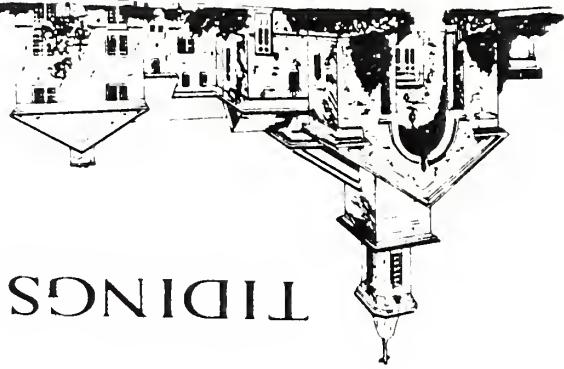
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<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	D. Mey-SW, L. Lewis-NW, L. Stover-SE, K. Perkins-NE. D. Graham, B. Wiltfong, C. Miller, D. Knudsen	6:15 P.M.	Prayer Service
GREETERS		<u>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24</u>	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Merle & Betty Grimm	7:00 P.M.	Calling Night
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Harold & Edna Nordblom USHERS	7:00 P.M.	Girl Scouts in Board Room
<u>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26</u>	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Earl Snouffer, Don Smith, John Proegler	6:00 P.M.	Bread For The World
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Wes Westerfield, Homer Stevenson, Bette Haines, Dave Kreischer	7:00 P.M.	Committee Meetings
COMMUNION PREPARATION		<u>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27</u>	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	S. Zimmerman & G. Brown	<u>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28</u>	
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson	Thanksgiving - Office Closed	
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS		Office Closed	
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ACOLYTES			
EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS			
Sam Hayes & Beth Wiltfong			
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS			
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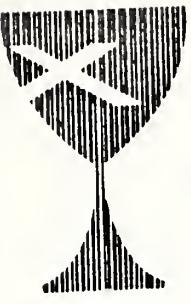
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome back to our family, John, Betty, and Julie Briggs who transferred from the Christian Church in Rensselaer. They're still living there, but they're coming back here to worship! Welcome home.

## ADVENT EVENTS!

### Sunday, November 30 First Sunday of Advent

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Sermon: "A Time For Hope" (Isaiah 2:1-5)  
6:15 a.m. Hanging of the Greens Service

### Wednesday, December 3

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Flower Arranging Seminar

### Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of Advent

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Sermon: "The Way To Peace" (Isaiah 11:1-10)  
6:15 p.m. Service of Prayer & Healing

### Monday, December 8

6:15 p.m. All-Church Sandwich & Dessert Supper and "Star of Bethlehem" presentation at Planetarium

### Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Sermon: "Putting Herod Back In Christmas" (Matthew 2:3)  
5:00 p.m. Choir Choral Service followed by dessert

### Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Sermon: "What's In A Name" (Matthew 1:18-25)  
5:00 p.m. Caroling Party

### Wednesday, December 24

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services  
11:00 p.m. A Christmas Drama  
A Candlelight Communion Service

## DECK THE HALLS

Come join your church family as together we decorate the church. At 6:15 p.m. next Sunday, November 30, we will meet in the sanctuary for a "Hanging of the Greens" service. After the service, we will decorate the Fellowship Hall, windows, doors, Sunday School rooms, etc. Be a part of the fellowship and fun! Refreshments and babysitting provided.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING

A seminar on Christmas flower arranging will be offered at First Christian, on Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the church. Register by December 1 by calling Nancy Smith (447-9679) or Deb Knudsen (483-5299). All welcome!

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Carols and Anthems From A Variety of Composers

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THE NAOMI GROUP will meet December 4, at 10:30 a.m. with Rychie Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane. This will be a potluck dinner, please bring your own table service. We will also prepare the gifts for our "Shut-Ins".

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday Morning Study Group has resumed their schedule of meeting every other Monday. We will meet December 1 at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. Dismissal will be at 11:00 a.m. Sharp! The study is William Barkley's commentary on the Gospel of John. The group is open to everyone that is interested in the study of scriptures.

DON'T MENTION AGE

DMA will meet next on Friday, January 23, for a potluck and speaker. More later.

SECRET PLACE

The December-January-February quarter of the Secret Place is now available. Pick one up at church this Sunday!

MUSIC NOTES

The Carillon will practice December 4 and 11 at 5:30 p.m., and Saturday December 13 from 10 until 12 noon. The choir will ring on December 14.

Creative Arts in Worship will be meeting as regularly scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evenings through December 17. It will resume its program on January 7. In December the children will be involved in a special project under the guidance of Sue Kerley. The cost will be \$1.00 per child, the balance covered by our budget. All children are welcome to come and be a part of this program especially designed for Christmas. The children have sung, played instruments, made paintings and even danced as a part of this program, all the while studying "All Good Gifts" and exploring their own talents. With Sue, the children will develop an entirely new gift -- a surprise. Please encourage your children to be a part of this program as we celebrate the greatest gift of all!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Here we go! This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent! The season's worship will be marked by the weekly Advent wreath lighting, beautifully inspiring music, poinsettias filling the chancel, greens and other special decorations, special services of worship, and special opportunities for fellowship. What a wonderful time of the year to be a part of the church!

I'm eager to begin Advent preaching. My sermons during Advent will be as follows:

November 30, "A Time For Hope" (Isaiah 2:1-5)

December 7, "The Way To Peace" (Isaiah 11:1-10)

December 14, "Putting Herod Back In Christmas" (Matthew 2:3)

December 21, "What's In A Name" (Matthew 1:18-25)

This is a great season to invite your new neighbors (or old neighbors), friends, family, and co-workers (have I missed anyone?) to church with you!

See you (and your guest) Sunday!

Love,

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THE ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

"Life in a prison cell reminds me a great deal of Advent--one waits and hopes and potters about, but in the end what we do is of little consequence; the door is shut and can only be opened from the outside."

So wrote the German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer while imprisoned for his part in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

Advent is the first season of the "Church Year," even though it comes at the very end of the calendar year. There is something very appropriate about this discrepancy, because advent is the time we are celebrating the end of an old age in human history and the coming of the new age of Jesus Christ. Like the children who now anxiously await Christmas morning, so we adults are called to anticipate and prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.

It may seem that, unlike Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a prison cell, we know what the outcome is. We know the Christmas story almost by heart. We already know the punchline. The problem is that we are a part of the ongoing story, and our story isn't over--we don't know the end. Christ continually needs to enter our lives. And we continually need to be preparing ourselves to receive him. The door is shut, but we can make ready for it to open in this season of waiting.

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POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

In Memory of Robert W. Nulf by Alice Nulf

In Memory of their daughter, Linda Kirtley by Mr. & Mrs. Grant Woodward

In Memory of Monty Tobias by Kevin & Phyllis Tobias

In Memory of Paul W. Kenline by Fern D. Kenline

In Memory of her two sisters by Ann Pittenger

GIFTS FROM: Fred and Rychie Smell

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-23-86

Larry Mattes, Washington, Indiana

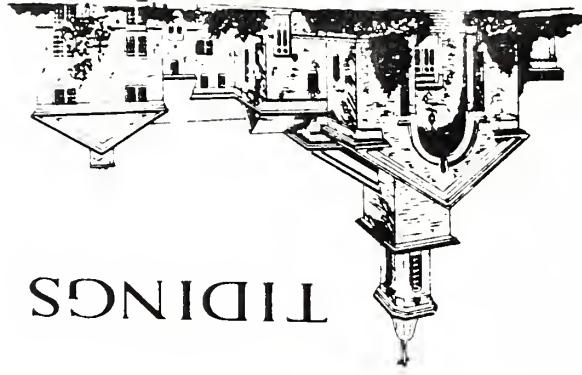
## SERVING NOVEMBER 30

ELDERS		HOMEBOUND COMMUNION		ACOLYTES		IN HOSPITALS	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Bud Ludwig and Janet Weicker	L. York - S. Englehart					
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Don Parlette and Chip Olson	B. Johnson - G. Lantz					
	DIACONATE & GREETERS	E. Klepfer - J. Kelly					
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	M. Novachcoff-SW, L. Strickland-NW, J. Kelly, B. Grimm	W. Johnson - M. Mullen					
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	R. Mowery-SW, J. McGrew- NW, K. Tobias-SE, M. Mullen-NE, J. Mey, S. Callahan, C. Falbe, R. Krull	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS					
	GREETERS	M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson					
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Mary Wilhelm	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS					
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Phyllis Tobias and Kevin Tobias	Kris & John Oneck					
	USHERS	Lindsay Miller & Laura Hamm					
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	Earl Snouffer, Don Smith, Charles Byrket	EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS					
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Wes Westerfield, Homer Stevenson, Kent Taylor, Mimi Wester- field	Beth Wiltfong & Sue Kerley					
	COMMUNION PREPARATION	LAY WORSHIP LEADERS					
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	S. Zimmerman & G. Brown						
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>							

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30		MONDAY, DECEMBER 1	
<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	First Worship	<u>9:15 A.M.</u>	First Morning Study Gp.
	9:30 A.M. Church School	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	Calling Night
<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	Second Worship	<u>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2</u>	
	4:00 P.M. Chi Rho	<u>11:30 A.M.</u>	Rebecca Group at Janet
	5:30 P.M. CYF	<u>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3</u>	
	6:15 P.M. Hanging of the Greens	<u>6:30 P.M.</u>	Weicker's Creative Arts in Worship
		<u>6:30 P.M.</u>	Christmas Flower Arranging
		<u>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4</u>	
		<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	Naomi Group at Rychie Smell's
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		<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	Chancel Choir

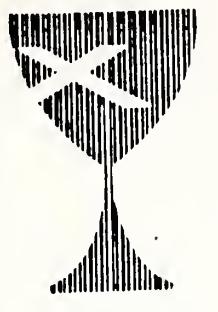
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All singles welcome!

## PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

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## BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.

BELL CHOIR - The Carillon will practice December 4 and 11 at 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 until 12:00 noon. The choir will ring on December 14.

LET HAPPINESS RING - Lincoln National Life Corp. is again offering senior citizens free long distance calls to family. You may participate by simply going to one of these sites:

Byron Health Center - 12101 Lima Road (637-3166)  
December 20-24, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
East Wayne Street Center, 801 East Wayne Street (422-6502)  
December 15-19, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Parish Hall, 2610 New Haven Avenue (426-5306)  
December 20-21, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Benito Juarez Cultural Center, 2905 S. Calhoun Street (744-2086)  
December 22-23, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Senior Citizens Center, 233 W. Main Street (427-1249)  
December 17-24, call to check hours

#### THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL

##### -- A CHRISTMAS CHORAL SERVICE --

will be presented by the Chancel Choir on Sunday afternoon, December 14, at 5:00 p.m. The service will be followed by a Christmas party in Fellowship Hall.

The Christmas Angel is a story by Henry Van Dyke and the lovely carols are written or arranged by such artists as John Ness Beck, Alfred Burt, Robert Thygerson, G.B. Per golesi, Lewis Kirby, Hugo Jungst. The story is a wonderful fantasy, a dream about how all the angels in heaven were discussing the plight of mankind on earth, and wondering how it would be possible for God to bring about peace, love, and joy to His children. The archangels all gave their opinions, but God had a much better idea than they thought of, and the answer was brought to them, by the Christmas Angel, a child Angel, who led them away to see His solution.

The Chancel Choir invites congregation and families and friends to Henry Van Dyke's exquisite interpretation of Christmas, and to the party afterward. Babysitting will be provided for infants and toddlers. The choir thinks that the older children of the church will enjoy the story as much as the adults!

The Christmas Party is sponsored by the worship committee. You are asked to bring either an appetizer or a dessert.

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In memory of Maurice Cook by Mary Cook;

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In honor of son, Tony, by Tom & Laura York;

**CORRECTION:** Poinsettias were given by Ann Pittenger in honor of her two sisters, not in memory as printed last week.

#### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-30-86

Sally Waite, 2907 Copper Hill Run; Frank J. Peterson, 2907 Copper Hill Run.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

The Hanging of the Greens was lovely, and now the sanctuary is, too! It now feels and looks like Christmas all around the place!

I feel pretty smug, because I have most of my shopping done. I took the kids out the day after Thanksgiving to do theirs for mom. Shoot, it wasn't bad at all out there! Of course, you have to realize that I usually wait till Christmas Eve! The whole point, though, is to get things done soon enough that the burden of the holiday won't overshadow the meaning of the season.

Let me make a suggestion. As you do your shopping: make it a point to remain relaxed, to respond to sharp, hostile, impatient remarks with extra kindness, to be extra courteous in traffic, and to take no offense at aggressive driving (whether of cars or shopping carts). This will keep your blood pressure down and make you an ambassador for peace. Maybe there's a connection between what happens between us and fellow shoppers and what happens between us and the Soviets. If so, maybe there's a connection between peacemaking at home and peacemaking abroad!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class is planning its Christmas Party December 9, at 12:00 noon. A carry-in dinner will be enjoyed at 12:00 noon. (Please bring own table service). A gift exchange, games, and carol singing will follow. Members, former members, and guests are welcome!

TAX SEMINAR HERE

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There is no charge. Visitors are welcome.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

All families are invited Wednesday, December 10, 1986 to the Christmas Extravaganza at 6:30 p.m. at the church. While the children's Creative Arts group will meet for their usual fun time of songs and crafts, all adults are invited for an equally enjoyable time of Christmas memories, songs, a quiz to test your Christmas knowledge, and cider and cookies for refreshments. Please bring your family and join in the fun!

NEEDED

Someone who is willing to make the flat communion bread. Call Eunice Conrad-744-9519 or the church office.

CYF

This Sunday we are hosting West Creighton Christian Church's CYF group for a picture perfect, mall mobbing rally. Be at the church at 2:00, and bring \$2.00 with you. By the time we end at 4:30, you'll be glad you were there!



IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT

A high school youth was talking with his parents about his low grades on his recent report card. "I can't figure it out," he puzzled. "What's my problem -- heredity or environment?"

## SERVING DECEMBER 7

## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7	
8:15 A.M.	ELDERS
Mark Snyder and Mildred Hartman	
10:45 A.M.	Bill Johnson and Eileen Klepfer
	DIACONATE & GREETERS
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	USHERS
8:15 A.M.	E. Snouffer, D. Smith, J. Proegler
10:45 A.M.	H. Stevenson, W. West- erfield, E. Kreischer, H. Nordblom
	GREETERS
8:15 A.M.	Mary Sue & Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M.	Sue & Bill Kerley
	COMMUNION PREPARATION
E. Conrad & J. McGrew	
	SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS
Ralph & Judy Church	
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	
Dick & Judy Mey	
ACOLYTES	
Adam Hayes & Travis Richardson	
EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS	
Shirley Callahan & Mindy Hamm	
	BIRTHDAYS - December 12-18
Sara Davis (12)	
Harley Meadows (15)	
David Overby (15)	
Debbie Stam (16)	
Fran Eckert (17)	
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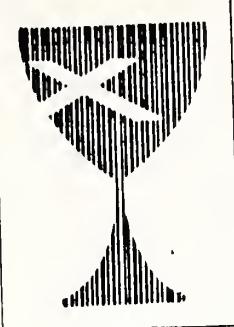
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### The Christmas Angel

by Henry Van Dyke

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Narrator - Bob Orr

Archangel Michael - Dick Vanderwall

Archangel Raphael - Kirk Spencer

Archangel Uriel - Jack Weicker

The Christmas Angel - Lindsay Miller

The Chancel Choir

Cynthia Weicker, Guest Soprano

Barbara Busse, Flautist

Helen Donnell, Director

Jerry Zimmerman, Organist

Babysitting available from 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall following

\*\*BRING DESSERT OR APPETIZERS -- PLEASE BRING PLENTY TO SHARE\*\*

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## THE END IS NEAR

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#### BANNERS

We are going to celebrate our beautiful, new peace banners by starting on a third one, hopefully for Peace Sunday 1987. The front will be made from a piece of cloth Saleum Mahachank brought with her as she escaped from Laos. She gave it to the church as she moved into her first home in Fort Wayne. The back of the banner will be pieced with the word Shalom, meaning not just absence of warfare, but God's intended well-being for all. Just as all of us must contribute for there to be peace, it is hoped that each member of our church family and anyone else that wishes, will contribute a small piece of cloth to the banner. There is a box in Fellowship Hall for your contribution.

#### "WHITE GIFTS"

Please bring a non-perishable food item wrapped in white paper to the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. As part of the service, the "white gifts" will be brought to the chancel as an offering.

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A gift by John & Jo Weyer;

A gift by Glenn & Lola Miller;

In "Living" Memory of Peggy Buskirk & Miriam Bixenman by The Jim Stucky Family;

In memory of Ethel Flowers by Henry Flowers;

In memory of Doris Richard, wife & mother, by Ralph Richard, Marilyn Butler, Shirley Richard, Alice Flowers, and Kenneth Richard;

In memory of Elwood Haines by Mrs. Bette Haines;

In memory of Lillian Breeden by Bethel Breeden, Carol Nichols, Marsha Carr, and Linda Breeden;

In memory of Arthur W. Mowery by Mrs. Arthur Mowery and Mr. & Mrs. Al Creager & Family;

In memory of Pete Wilhelm & Jolene Dickey by Mrs. Mary Wilhelm;

In honor of Edna Vaught by Margaret & Bill Love;

In honor of their children & families by Harold & Edna Nordblom;

#### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 12-7-86

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Fisher, 2610 Farnsworth Drive.

#### "BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT." (Numbers 32:23)

Three high school youths played hooky from their morning classes. They told their teacher they were late getting to school because their car broke down due to a flat tire. She said they'd have to take a make-up test on the quiz they'd missed. After seating them apart from each other, she gave them just one question: "Which tire was flat?"

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

The choirs, the decorations, the banners, the themes.....I love it! If you aren't here for Advent, you're missing something. Of course, a lot of us are here which leads me to say (with joy), if you have trouble finding a parking place, it is O.K. to park on the street (the city waves "no parking" ordinances on Sundays for churches).

I feel very good about my sermon yesterday, as I reflect on it this morning. I'd like to repeat the suggestions I made as to how we can begin to be people of peace.

1. Pray for peace with justice everyday for all nations.

2. Seek to center our own lives, our own values, in Jesus Christ.

3. Engage in political action that will put justice at the center of our nation's life and priorities.

To me, political action includes educating ourselves to the issues, communicating with elected representatives, and voting for and working for candidates who have a strong commitment to peace with justice.

This Sunday we'll look at Matthew's birth narrative, including Herod and the wise men.

Who will you be bringing to church with you this Sunday?!

See you then.

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

On the bulletin board outside of the church office is one of Jerry Van Amerongen's wonderfully offbeat "The Neighborhood" cartoons. It pictures a vacant-eyed woman with a wide, toothy smile and a "smily-face" key chain dangling from her purse. The caption reads: "Years of psychotherapy have so cleared Trudie of excess baggage that she now travels light."

The role of psychotherapy, however, is not to "unload excess baggage". Were we to do so, we would end up as zombies, empty of character and vacant of all visceral reactions. And these are too much a part of being human to erase like a cassette tape under a magnet.

Instead, counseling and psychotherapy are more like learning where the potholes of one's personality are. Having had counseling myself, I can vouch for the fact that it can be very helpful figuring out where those potholes are so as to avoid them when possible, and to know at least what is going on when you "hit bottom". Occasionally one can with help fill in a pothole, but even a repaired pothole leaves a slight bump.

We are who we are, pavement and potholes, and we are loved of God, who wants for us the best that can be, but who also knows that living means acquiring potholes of the psyche. Potholes and all, he still chooses to travel our road with us.

Shalom!

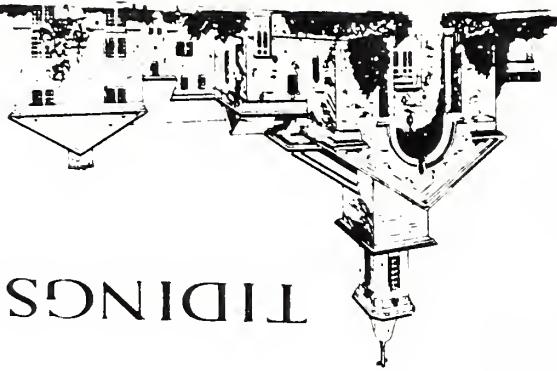
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

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Carole Overmyer; Jerry, Diana, & Erica Blomeke; Jim, Becky, & Jeremy Stucky; Gwynth Rice; The Earl Fusselman's; Miriam Bixenman; Peggy Bushirk; and Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward.



## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SERVING DECEMBER 14

**ELDERS** William Crouse and Delores Keebortz  
**8:15 A.M.** Wayne Johnson and Sam Hayes  
**10:45 A.M.** DIACONATE & GREETERS  
**8:15 A.M.** M. Novachcoff-SW, B. Grimm-NW, J. Kelly, L. Strickland  
**10:45 A.M.** T. Pfenning-SW, M. Hamm-NW, M. Mullen-SE, G. Lantz-NE, L. Stover, R. Stover, D. Mey, L. Lewis  
**USHERS** C. Byrket  
**8:15 A.M.** E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
**10:45 A.M.** H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, D. Kreischer, M. Westerfield

### ACOLYTES

**8:15 A.M.** Mary Novachcoff  
**10:45 A.M.** Connie & Don Kampenga

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Olson - D. Knudsen  
L. Johnson - J. Lindsay  
Jt. Weicker - D. Graham  
D. Parlette - M. Busse  
COMMUNION PREPARATION  
E. Conrad & J. McGrew

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS

Ralph & Judy Church  
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS  
Laura Hamm, Megan Callahan, & Sara G.

### ACOLYTES

Becky Krull & Megan Callahan  
EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Becky Glasgow & Sam Hayes

**BIRTHDAYS December 19-25**  
Cindy Ebetino (19)  
Tim Knuckles (19)  
John Morris (20)  
Diana Blomeke (20)  
Tammy Ott (20)  
Dick Hamm (21)  
Archie Hendrick (22)  
Elaine Parrot (22)  
Diana Duly (23)  
Roger Hendrickson (23)  
William Crouse (24)  
Mike O'Laughlin (24)  
Richard Thompson (24)  
Don Wiltfong (24)  
Susie Watson (25)  
Jeannie Norman (25)

### IN HOSPITALS

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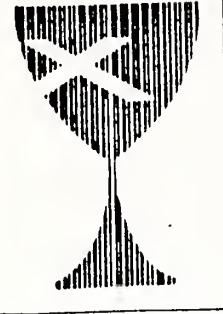
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# First Christian Church

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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

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## ADVENT EVENTS!

Sunday, December 21 -- Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Sermon: "What's In A Name" (Matthew 1:18-25)  
5:00 p.m. Caroling Party

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Services

7:00 p.m. A Christmas Drama  
11:00 p.m. A Candlelight Communion Service

## HELP PUT A SONG IN THE AIR

Come to church this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. and help us spread good cheer as we go caroling to our special care people. This is an easy and fun way to share our Christmas joy with others! We have rented 2 city buses and we need more people to fill them so come even if you haven't signed up. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

## "WHITE GIFTS" FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Please bring a non-perishable food item wrapped in white paper to the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. As part of the service, the "white gifts" will be brought to the chancel as an offering.

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## SINGLES, DECEMBER 21, SUNDAY

Our group will participate in the Caroling Party at church at 5:00 p.m., and afterwards adjourn to Lori Lewis's house for a meeting and more fellowship.

All singles welcome!

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In memory of Ennis Brown by his family;

In memory of Andrew Schilling by the Bill Schilling family;

In memory of Hortense Stevenson by Homer Stevenson;

In memory of Ina Smith by Terry & Mary King;

In honor of Jean's mother by Charles & Jean McGrew;

In honor of First Christian Church by Ted, Terri, Matthew, & Christopher Pfenning.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

Jeanne Feltenberger who is ill at home.

Phyllis Fitch, as she and Joe are in Phoenix seeking help for her back problem.

Wilberta Edgington who is now living in Stillwater, OK, to be near her doctor.

SYMPATHY

Clarence Hendrickson's mother died recently. We remember him and his family in prayer.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Stan & Muriel Baker are the proud new parents of Rachel Marie, born December 10. Marvin Crouse in Granddad!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I'm so proud of our music program here at First Christian Church. The Bell Choir was super Sunday and I have never heard the Chancel Choir in better form! Thank you for a lovely Choral Service, Choir!

Christmas is coming! How are you coming? I hope you are taking advantage of all the special opportunities here.....they are all designed to help you experience the real meaning of Christmas. Time at Sears and Ayres and Target is important, but it can't do for you what time here with your church family does!

See you Sunday, as we light the fourth candle!

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

When I was a child growing up in Southern California, the year had four seasons: Spring, Summer, School, and mercifully interrupting the School season, the Holiday season. Its approach was heralded by Halloween, but it did not officially begin until Thanksgiving. Then began the countdown to Christmas Eve and Christmas. This season was officially over on the first day of school after New Years Day.

The holiday season was for me the anchor and root of the entire year. It had an excitement, fun and good will that the rest of the year just didn't seem to have. The shopping, the special music and decorations, the anticipation of gifts to be received... nothing else even came close to the holiday season.

As childhood faded, so did the unmatched excitement of the holidays. It is natural, however, to hold to those standards so well cultivated in youth, and to try to recreate our annual pre-Christmas hype.

This is done in several ways. Some people put their lost wide eyed childhood memories onto their own children, and eventually onto grandchildren and surrogate grandchildren. "Christmas is for Children," they say; I add in my mind: "And for voyeurs!"

Another, and I think, better possibility is to reorient our holiday energy. It can be redirected toward using the relationships with people significant to us. It can be used to look intentionally at where we stand in life, and what opportunities lie ahead of us. It can be a time to ponder where we are in relation to the God whose incarnation we celebrate.

Christmas sentimentality can be empty--but it needn't be! May God bless you and lead you in your celebration of the Christmas holiday!

*Shalom!*  
*Par*

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NEEDED!!!

Coffee hour hosts for January! Sign up in fellowship hall.

BANNERS

We are going to celebrate our beautiful, new peace banners by starting on a third one, hopefully for Peace Sunday 1987. The front will be made from a piece of cloth Saleum Mahachank brought with her as she escaped from Laos. She gave it to the church as she moved into her first home in Fort Wayne. The back of the banner will be pieced with the word Shalom, meaning not just absence of warfare, but God's intended well-being for all. Just as all of us must contribute for there to be peace, it is hoped that each member of our church family and anyone else that wishes, will contribute a small piece of cloth to the banner. There is a box in fellowship hall for your contribution.

## SERVING DECEMBER 21

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and  
Jack Weicker  
10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and  
Bill Franklin

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Strickland-SW, S.  
Smith-NW, E. Snouffer, M. Snouffer  
10:45 A.M. K. Perkins-SW, D.  
Graham-NW, B. Wiltfong-SE, C. Miller-NE, D. Knudsen, D. Mey, W. Westfield, M. Mullen

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith  
J. Proegler  
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westfield, K. Taylor, B. Haines

### GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Rychie & Fred Smell  
10:45 A.M. Jeanetta Lahmeyer & Bernice Montgomery

### COMMUNION PREPARATIO,

S. Zimmerman & G. Brown

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS

Ralph & Judy Church  
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS  
Edna Nordblom

### ACOLYTES

Jim Davis & Brandon Falbe

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
Carol Sing Party  
5:00 P.M. Singles-Caroling Party-then  
to Lori Lewis's

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00 P.M. Calling Night  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24  
7:00 P.M. A Christmas Drama  
11:00 P.M. A Candlelight Communion Service

### BIRTHDAYS December 26-January 2

Carolyn Falbe (26)  
Elizabeth Dull (26)  
Russell Sturgis (26)  
Michelle Reeves (27)  
John Mathias (28)  
Steven Powell (28)  
Sarah Smith (28)  
Tomi Fry (28)  
Kathy Lee (29)  
Lucille Brantator (29)  
Celestia Walters (29)  
Saleum Phomsoupha (1)  
Al Creager (2)  
Linda Hayes (2)

There will not be Extended Session this week, as it will be Family Christmas Worship.

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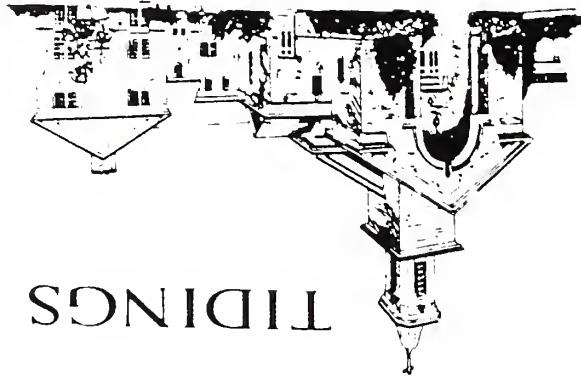
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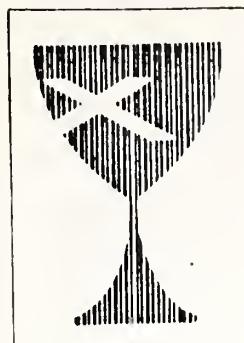
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#### HOUSE FIRE!

The Kerley's home caught fire Friday night. Serious damage will keep them out of their home for 3-4 months. Our prayers are with them. We rejoice that no one was injured!

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

Christa Marie Sablic was born to Jim and Patricia on December 17!

#### POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

*In memory of loved ones by Carol & Fred Funkhouser;*

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Caldwell & Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Culbertson.*

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*AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 12-21-86*

*Nina Montes, 6815 S. Calhoun; David, Janice, & Brandon Russell, 215 E. Congress.*

#### TRUSTEES AMEND BYLAWS TO CLARIFY RELATION TO D.O.C.; DICKINSON APPOINTED ACTING PRESIDENT

from Christian Theological Seminary bulletin.

A resolution of the CTS Board of Trustees has spelled out with more clarity the seminary's denominational affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The action takes place in the midst of a presidential search process to find a successor to Dr. Thomas J. Liggett. Dr. Liggett retired August 1 following 11 years as chief executive officer.

While there is no announced candidate at the current time, the amendments give a freer hand to the Presidential Search Committee.

Specifically, the bylaws as amended make the following requirements:

\*A majority of the trustees shall be Disciples.

\*A significant portion of the faculty must be Disciples.

\*Generally, the President shall be a Disciple.

\*If the President is not a Disciple, the Dean of the seminary must be.

The action states further that all officers, trustees and faculty members shall be active participants in their respective traditions and communions.

In the previous version of the bylaws, the relationship between denomination and seminary was not addressed adequately, and the president, and only the president, was required to be Disciple.

In further action by the board, the seminary's Dean, Dr. Richard D.N. Dickinson was elected Acting President. The Acting Dean is Dr. Michael Kinnaman, the seminary's assistant professor of Theology. Dr. Dickinson is a minister in the United Church of Christ; Dr. Kinnaman is Disciple.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was certainly "got" Sunday, with the kind words and the unique experience of a choir singing a special birthday anthem! I shall not forget number 39!

Neither shall I forget this Advent. The services have all been very beautiful. I think, and the special activities well attended. I hope you have been able to be present.

Parents! Don't miss the article advertising our Active Parenting Course beginning January 7. It's excellent.

My family and I will make our annual pilgrimage to St. Pete for a few days and return for Sunday, January 4. I'm ready, but I feel a lot less "wrung out" than some years. Christmas really seemed good to me. My brother and his wife and son will be in St. Pete, too, and this will be the first time all three generations will be together at once! Hot dang! My brother's kid, Matthew, is almost as cute as our kids. (I'll hear from David about the use of the word "cute", I'm sure! We'll see if he reads his Dad's column, anyway!).

Remember, Immanuel, God with us! You count, life can be transformed, and it doesn't all depend on you!

See you soon!

Love,

*Dick*

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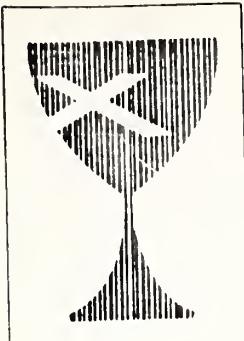
Let me tell you a story. A family is out for a drive on a Sunday afternoon. It is a pleasant afternoon, and they relax at a leisurely pace down the highway. Suddenly the two children begin to beat their father in the back. "Daddy, Daddy, stop the car! Stop the car! There's a kitten back there on the side of the road!" The father says, "So there's a kitten back there on the side of the road. We're having a drive." "But Daddy, you must stop and pick it up." "I don't have to stop and pick it up." "But Daddy, if you don't, it will die." "Well, then it will have to die. We don't have room for another animal. We have a zoo already at the house. No more animals." "But Daddy, are you just going to let it die?" "Be quiet, children, we're trying to have a pleasant drive." "We never thought our Daddy would be so mean and cruel as to let a kitten die." Finally the mother turns to her husband and says, "Dear, you'll have to stop." He turns the car around, returns to the spot and pulls off to the side of the road. He goes out to pick up the kitten. The poor creature is just skin and bones, sore-eyed, and full of fleas; but when he reaches down to pick it up, with its last bit of energy the kitten bristles, baring tooth and claw. Sssst! He picks up the kitten by the loose skin at the neck, brings it over to the car and says, "Don't touch it; it's probably got leprosy."

When they get to the house the children give the kitten several baths, about a gallon of warm milk, and intercede: "Can we let it stay in the house just tonight? Tomorrow we'll fix a place in the garage." The father says, "Sure, take my bedroom; the whole house is already a zoo." They fix a comfortable bed, fit for a pharaoh. Several weeks pass. Then one day the father walks in, feels something rub against his leg, looks down, and there is a cat. He reaches down toward the cat, carefully checking to see that no one is watching. When the cat sees his hand, it does not bare its claws and hiss; instead it arches its back to receive a caress. Is that the same cat? Is that the same cat? No. It's not the same as that frightened, hurt, hissing kitten on the side of the road. Of course not. And you know as well as I what makes the difference.

Not too long ago God reached out his hand to bless me and my family. When he did, I looked at his hand; it was covered with scratches. Such is the hand of love.....

--Fred Craddock, in sermon  
"Praying Through Clenched Teeth"  
The Twentieth Century Pulpit  
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FOOD BANK NEEDS: P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat

## REFLECTIONS . . .

There are a lot of issues involved in the Iranian arms deal: Arms for hostages, weapons for war, contact with moderates in Iranian government, funds from arms deal secretly sent to Contras in Nicaragua. Who knows what is happening with the National Security Council? Who is making foreign policy decisions?

But the issue which strikes me as being the most damaging is the issue of integrity. If truth is represented one way in words and another in actions, how can there be confidence and trust? It is one thing to disagree with another on political, social, economic or religious issues. It is quite another to not be able to trust what one is told by another. A democracy can survive, yes, thrive with a diversity of opinions; but it cannot live long without trust in the word of those who lead.

I do not know where the breakdown in integrity occurred. It is up to the investigators to discover and to reveal. My grief is that we are now struggling again with whether we can believe our leaders rather than with the different issues which trouble our world. If we were told lies about the arms deal and the hostages, how do we know what to believe about all the other issues of state?

The commandment to not bear false witness is more than some moralism which is handed down by a detached deity. It is foundational to the development of a community or a free nation.

Let us pray for ourselves as a nation as we seek truth and expect integrity.

by Dr. Dan Moseley  
Vine Street Christian "Visitor"

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## DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES - NEWS & NOTES

### POLLY CAMPBELL IN JAPAN

*Polly teaches English at Nijima Gakuen School in Annaka. school.*

The Americians have no real understanding of what it "costs" to be a Christian here. For instance, in Japan, the Shinto or Buddhist faiths are so intricately interwoven into the fabric of the culture that one is faced daily with "practicing" those faiths, in a sense.

A young woman greatly lessens her chances of marriage by becoming a Christian because many families will not accept a Christian as a daughter-in-law neither through the omiai, arranged marriage process, nor by their son's choice.

So, it takes great courage to choose to become an alien in one's own country. It is also very difficult for the Japanese "to pray and work as followers of Jesus in the sight of the others because Japanese traditional viewpoints prevent us from doing so." This is a quote from one of my minister's sermons. He was referring to the deeply imbedded ideas of Confucious teachings of the importance of following traditional forms. These and many other things are very real problems for our Christian brothers and sisters. It is a joy, an awesome challenge, and a great blessing to work together with them--also humbling!

### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 12-28-86

*Mr. & Mrs. James Bushey, 10218 Winchester Road; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Walsh, 4611 Beaver Avenue; Brenda Gibson, Huntington, IN; Garnet Strickland, Marion, OH; Fern Gudakunst, Delphos, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Banet, Herndon, VA; A.M. Banet, Susan Banet, Cindy Banet, Ted Banet, Chester Springs, PA; Kenneth & Norma Place & Family, West Germany.*

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I cannot overstate how much I hope to see a good turnout for our Active Parenting course beginning January 7 and running six Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Mindy and I took this course last year and found it extremely helpful. It uses a workbook and video tape format under the direction of a leader. It works very well.

As you read this, we'll be on our way back to Fort Wayne. Hopefully, we will have seen a lot of sun in St. Pete. Snow doesn't bother me, nor even cold. But we do need to get the winter skies of Fort Wayne fixed!

This is that time of year when we begin to think of new beginnings and of personal changes. I'll be talking about change Sunday. My sermon takes its title from an old joke; it's called, "No thanks, I'll just sit in the dark!" The text will be John 1:1-18. Hope you can make it.

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Woody Allen, in his movie, *Annie Hall*, tells the story of two ladies at a resort in the Catskill mountains. One complains, "the food here is really awful." The other replies, "Yeh, and such small portions!" The character in the movie goes on to say, That's essentially how I feel about life. Its full of loneliness and misery and suffering and unhappiness, and its all over much to quickly."

Yes, one of the ironies of life is that living carries inevitably with it suffering. Looking back over the last year, things have happened that I wished had not. I have had times when I have felt very alone. There have also been times of undescribable joy, and much contentment. Pain and joy and all, it is a year I am glad to have had the privilege to live.

My hope for all of you is that 1987 be a year you will be glad to live!

*Shalom!*

*Don*

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PEACE STUDIES INSTITUTE IN JANUARY

Four major topics will be discussed on Tuesday evenings in January at the First Presbyterian Church sponsored by AC's Peace Commission. Sessions will be held from 7:30-9:30 and are open to all.

Leaders from Manchester College, which is co-sponsoring the Institute, will present subsequent sessions.

Registration is \$5.00 for the series of four or each night will be \$2.00 singly. Send to Associated Churches.

CHI RHO (MIDDLE SCHOOL) YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

We are planning a Chi Rho Lock-in on Friday night, January 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. If you are planning to attend, please call the office or talk to Don!

## SERVING JANUARY 4

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

(USPS 195-840)

8:15 A.M. ELDERS Merle Grimm and Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Mike Callahan and Don Parlette

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, M. Snouffer-NW, M. Hutchinson, L. Strickland J. Ohneck-SW, K. Ohneck-NW, T. Pfenning-SE, M. Hamm-NE, G. Lantz, D. Mey, J. Mey, J. Wagoner

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westfield

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Liz & Wayne Johnson

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Steve Mullen & Jason Krull

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Sam Hayes & Shirley Callahan

COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

Mike Callahan & Mike Mullen

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Diane Mory

## IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:  
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PARKVIEW:  
552 - Mrs. Nellie Roe

## Thank You

We want to thank all of the people at the church for the Poinsettia Plant. Also, thank you for the caroling that the people did at our house.

Ralph & Helen Reynolds

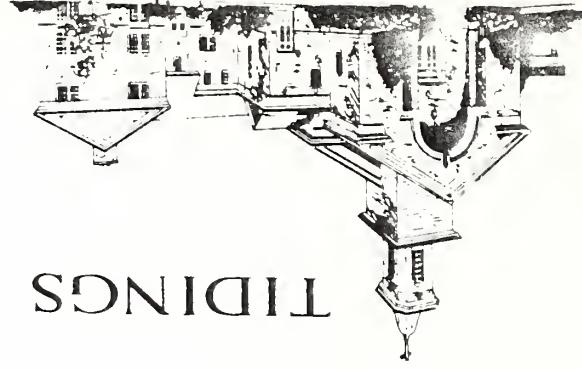
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho  
5:30 P.M. CYF  
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29  
7:00 P.M. Calling Night  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7  
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Course  
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8  
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir  
6:00 P.M. Brownies in Fellowship Hall  
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9  
7:30 P.M. Chi Rho Lock-In

BIRTHDAYS January 10-16  
Myrtle Devinney (10)  
Gwynth Rice (10)  
Gene Lantz (10)  
Julie Cooke (11)  
Carolyn King (11)  
Rychie Smell (13)  
Bev Huddow (13)  
James Fick (13)  
Mark Lehman (13)  
Loretta Orr (14)  
John Roush (14)  
Mike Mullen (15)  
Jeff Young (15)  
Missy Chapin (15)

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